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Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Annual Sessions, convened in Convention, in Baltimore, Md., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-seven.

The Sessions commenced on the evening of the Seventeenth, and continued until the night of the Twenty-third day of the month, inclusive, at eleven o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in *Convention*, on Wednesday evening, October 17th, A. D. 1877, at 7½ o'clock, in the First Reformed Church of the City of Baltimore, Md., pursuant to appointment of last annual meeting, and was opened with the usual religious services. The President of the previous year, Rev. Daniel Gans, D. D., preached the opening sermon from 1 John 5:12—"He that hath the Son, hath life; he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers.—Jacob O. Miller, D. D., John Ault, Jacob D. Zehring, Rhinehart R. Smith, Aaron Wanner, Aaron Spangler, Francis S. Lindaman, Reuben Rauhauser, Israel S. Weisz, D. D., William H. Herbert, Andrew J. Heller, George W. Glessner, D. D., John Kretzing, J. Marion Mickley, E. Garver Williams, Amos H. Kremer, D. D., William F. Colliflower, and William R. H. Deatrach.

Elders.—Charles A. Shultz, Solomon Schwartz, Emanuel Krone, Jacob March, Charles Young, George W. Hench, John Wehler, John Hager, Henry Hartzel, Michael McSherry, Jacob Miller, Alfred H. Addams, Samuel R. Weaver, Henry M. Cocklin, and John Hefflefinger.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers.—Joseph W. Santee, D. D., Edmund R. Eschbach, William Goodrich, Simon S. Miller, J. Spangler Kieffer, Daniel Gans, D. D., Mortimore L. Shuford, P. Allison Long, Orange E. Lake, Joel T. Rossiter, Nehemiah H. Skyles, Henry Wissler, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Charles H. Coon, Ambrose C. Geary, John G. Noss, Anthony Shulenberg, Jonas B. Shontz, George L. Staley, D. D., Abner R. Kremer, and licentiate George M. Zacharias.

Elders.—Andrew Weagly, Louis Markell, John Shifler, David Zeller, George Frank, Jacob H. Hinea, Goldsboro S. Griffith, David S. Firor, Hanson T. Rudy, Christian M. Keedy, Peter B. Mikesell, Joshua Albaugh, Joseph Seibert, and J. Taylor Motter.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers.—William M. Deatrick, Isaac G. Brown, A. Carl Whitmer, John H. Sykes, William D. Lefevre, John A. Peters, Ellis N. Kremer, David N. Dittmar, John M. Schick, William I. Stewart, Isaac M. Motter, William C. Cremer, Milton H. Sangree, Albert G. Dole, Henry I. Comfort, David W. Ebbert, Jacob Hassler, Elnathan E. Higbee, D. D., and David M. Whitmore.

Elders.—Isaac H. Keefer, John P. Reed, William Neff, Joseph Stickle, Josiah P. Diehl, George W. Betz, Jacob B. Resser, Andrew R. Schnebly, David Dunn, George Koons, and J. Rhawm Pague.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers.—Henry St John Rinker, Samuel N. Callender, D. D., Charles G. Fisher, Henry Tallhelm, John C. Bowman, Anderson J. Whitmore, Barton R. Carnahan, George H. Martin, D. D., John A. Hoffheins, and Joseph S. Loose.

Elders.—John H. Bauserman, William A. Mohler, Henry W. Rolter, Charles P. Matthaei, Richard L. Gray, Emanuel Staley, and William W. Wenner.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

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NOTE.—A number of members appeared upon the floor of Synod after the first session, and hence their names do not occur in the order in which they would have appeared, had they been present at the formation of the Roll at the opening session. A number of members also were granted leave of absence from day to day.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Synod of the United States.—Revs. W. E. Krebs, C. S. Gerhard, G. H. Johnston, S. R. Fisher, D. D., J. S. Vandersloot, and licentiate F. J. Sauerbier.

From the Synod of Pittsburgh.—Revs. H. W. Hoffmeier, and J. McConnell.

From the Synod of Ohio.—Rev. H. F. Long.

From the German Synod of the East.—Revs. C. Cast, J. C. Hauser, M. Bachman, J. W. Ebbinghaus, and G. Facius.

From Mercersburg Classis.—Elders J. Heyser, and A. B. Wingerd.

From Maryland Classis.—Elder Wm. A. Rodenmayer.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following ministers, residents of Baltimore, was announced from time to time, during the sessions of Synod, viz.:

Revs. A. M. Courtney, L. M. Gardner, F. L. Bishop, and T. L. Poulson of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Dr. Murkland, Rev. Dr. Lefevre, and Rev. R. L. McMurren of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. C. Burk Walter of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; and Rev. B. W. Bond of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John A. Peters was chosen *President*.

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*.

Rev. J. S. Kieffer was elected *Corresponding Secretary*.

Elder Louis Markell was re-elected *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with for the present annual meeting. The Synod then defined the Bar of the House, in accordance with the Rules of Order.

The following hours were fixed upon for the opening and closing of the current sessions of Synod, viz.:

The daily session to open at 9 o'clock, A. M., and close at 1½ o'clock, P. M. No afternoon sessions were held. Evening sessions were held on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, viz. :

Religious Services.—Revs J. T. Rossiter, D. Gans, J. Kretzing, and Elders C. A. Shultz, and W. Neff.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, W. Goodrich, A. Wanner, and Elders D. Zeller, and S. Schwartz.

Overtures.—Revs H. St. J. Rinker, A. C. Geary, S. S. Miller, and Elders J. Shifler, and E. Krone.

Minutes of Classis.—Revs. W. C. Cremer, N. H. Skyles, C. G. Fisher, and Elders G. S. Griffith, and J. P. Reed.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. G. W. Glessner, J. W. Santee, I. S. Weisz, and Elders I. H. Keefer, and P. B. Mikesell.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, J. Ault, E. N. Kremer, and Elders L. Markell, and J. B. Resser.

Missions.—Revs. J. O. Miller, J. H. Sykes, M. L. Shuford, and Elders H. Hartzel, and C. M. Keedy.

Finance.—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, A. J. Heller, H. Tallhelm, and Elders C. Young, and D. S. Firor.

Nominations.—Revs. S. N. Callender, A. C. Whitmer, H. Wissler, and Elders J. Hager, and G. Frank.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Mercersburg, Zion, Maryland, and Virginia were received, and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read, and then referred to the Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Missions, of the Superintendent of Missions, and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodie Board of Home Missions of the three District Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh, and Potomac, were received, severally read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

4. Eight other Communications were received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following Religious Services, viz.:

1. All the sessions were opened and closed with suitable religious services.

2. The Committee on Religious Services reported, as follows, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Religious Services submit the following as their report, viz.:

SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SYNOD, IN FIRST REFORMED CHURCH.

Thursday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. G. H. Johnston.

Friday Evening.—Synodical Sunday-school Board's services, conducted by Elder G. S. Griffith, member of the Sunday-school Board. Addresses by Revs. I. S. Weisz and A. J. Heller, on the Necessary Qualifications of the Sunday-school Superintendent and Teacher; Revs. J. W. Santee and J. H. Sykes, on the Missionary Aspect of the Sunday-school Work; and Revs. A. C. Whitmer and T. F. Hoffmeier, on the Relation of the Sunday-school to the Catechetical Class.

Saturday Afternoon.—Services preparatory to the Holy Communion: sermon by Rev. S. N. Callender, assisted by Revs. J. S. Kieffer and T. F. Hoffmeier.

Sunday Morning.—Celebration of the Lord's Supper: sermon by Rev. Dr. Higbee, assisted by Revs. J. A. Peters, S. S. Miller, W. M. Deatrick, and C. G. Fisher.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school services. Addresses by Revs. A. C. Whitmer, and W. R. H. Deatrick.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. E. R. Eschbach.

Services in St. Paul's Reformed Mission on *Thursday Evening*.—Sermon by Rev. J. O. Miller.

Sunday Forenoon.—Sunday-school addresses by Revs. J. W. Santee, and J. A. Hoffheins.

SERVICES IN OTHER CHURCHES.

Third Reformed Church.—*Friday Evening* Preparatory services: sermon by Rev. J. Ault. *Sunday Morning*: Sunday-school addresses to Sunday-school by Revs. J. C. Bowman, I. S. Weisz, A. C. Geary, and W. E. Krebs. *Sunday Morning*, Holy Communion: sermon by Rev. Dr. Kremer.

Fourth Reformed Church (German).—*Sunday Morning*: sermon by Rev. J. D. Zehring.

Fifth Reformed Church (German).—*Sunday Morning*: sermon by Rev. A. Wanner. *Sunday Evening*: sermon by Rev. A. Spangler.

Sixth Reformed Church (German).—Sunday Evening: sermon by Rev. R. R. Smith.

High Street M. E. Church.—Sunday Evening: sermon by Rev. I. S. Weisz.

Eastern Avenue M. E. Church.—Sunday Evening: sermon by Rev. C. G. Fisher.

Greenmount Avenue M. E. Church.—Sunday Morning: sermon by Rev. W. I. Stewart.

Holland Street M. E. Church South.—Sunday Morning: sermon by Rev. J. Kretzing. *Sunday Evening:* sermon by Rev. J. M. Schick.

Third Lutheran Church.—Sunday Morning: sermon by Rev. D. N. Dittmar.

City Jail.—Sunday Afternoon: sermon by Rev. M. H. Sangree.

Maryland Penitentiary.—Sunday Afternoon: addresses by Revs. C. S. Gerhard, S. N. Callender, and W. Goodrich.

St. Stephen's Reformed Church of Washington City.—Services by Revs. J. S. Kieffer and G. L. Staley.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ROSSITER, *Chairman.*

The religious services, as appointed by the Committee, were several-ly observed.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly by Synod was dispensed with, and the printed Minutes of last year were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report the items of unfinished business claiming the attention of this meeting.

Subsequently, the Committee on Minutes of Synod submitted the following report, which was received, considered item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows, viz. :

Your Committee, to whom were referred the Minutes of Synod for last year, beg leave to report the following items of unfinished business requiring the attention of the present sessions of Synod, to wit :

Item 1, page 32. An apportionment for Home Missions is made upon the respective Classes of Synod.

Item 2, page 32. An appropriation of Five Hundred Dollars is made to the Missionary Board of Iowa Classis for missions within its limits, and also a like sum to the missionary work in the bounds of the Virginia Classis.

Item 3, page 34. The terms of office of Rev. Wm. R. H. Deatrich and Elder G. S. Griffith as members of the Board of Missions expired October 1st, 1877. It will be necessary for this Synod to elect two members to fill their places in the Board.

Item 4, page 36. An assessment for Contingent Fund of Synod is made upon the several Classes.

Item 5, page 36. A deficit in the amount needed to refund the Two Thousand Dollars borrowed for the immediate Relief of the Reformed Church Publication Board, as authorized by the Synod of Winchester, is reported.

Item 6, page 37. The term of office of Rev. S. N. Callender as a member of the Board of Trustees will expire January 1st, 1878. Synod is required to elect a member to take his place in said Board.

Item 7, page 38. The term of service of Rev. J. W. Santee as a member of the Sunday-school Board ends at this meeting of Synod. It will be necessary for Synod to fill the vacancy.

Item 8, page 38. The action of the Synod of Winchester, making it the duty of the Sunday-school Board either to prepare, or have prepared, a Manual, giving a concise, practical, and popular account of the general idea and scheme of the Church Year, with specific detailed statements of the significance of the separate days and seasons, and the logical order of thought contained in them, is re-iterated.

Item 9, page 38. Friday Evening of the present sessions of Synod is set apart for the specific purpose of considering the work and interests of the Sunday-school cause.

Item 10, page 39. The Classis of North Carolina is commanded and enjoined to desist from the use of any other Hymn Book by her congregations than those already allowed, until the General Synod grants such permission.

Item 11, page 39. The Stated Clerk is instructed to communicate the foregoing action of Synod forthwith to the President of said Classis.

Item 12, page 40. The Stated Clerk is instructed to have Twelve Hundred and Fifty copies of the Minutes of the last annual sessions published, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Item 13, page 41. The Synod earnestly recommends the Classes to make renewed efforts to increase the circulation of *The Messenger*.

Item 14, page 41. The Reformed Church Publication Board is requested so to prepare its financial statements as to show clearly the actual loss or gain, during each current year.

Item 15, page 47. The Special Committee, appointed by the Synod of Hanover, to prepare and publish, in conjunction with a similar Committee from the Synod of the United States, an edition of "Hymns for the Reformed Church" *with music*, is continued.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK,
WM. GOODRICH,
A. WANNER,
D. ZELLER,
SOLOMON SCHWARTZ,
Committee.

For the action of Synod on items 1, 2, and 3, see Article XIV., Missions; on items 4, 5, and 6, see Article XV., Finance; on items 7, 8, and 9, see Article XVIII., Sunday-schools; on 10 and 11, see Article XIX., Church Government; and on items 12, 13, 14, and 15, see Article XX., Publication.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted their report, which was received, acted on item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows, viz.:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to present the following report:

Item 1. The Report of the Reformed Church Publication Board, for the year ending October 1st, 1877, accompanied by an itemized and summarized statement of its financial condition.

Item 2. The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., in which the Board, through its officers, makes sundry suggestions to this Synod, for its consideration: and accompanying this Report is the Treasurer's account, exhibiting the financial condition of the Institution.

Item 3. The Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 4. A communication from Rev. F. Fox, Secretary of the Classis of San Francisco, notifying the Synod of the fact, that said Classis had failed to hold any meeting during the last Synodical year, in consequence of Rev. L. C. Edmonds being in the east at the time appointed for the annual meeting of the Classis, together with the heavy expenses that would necessarily have to be incurred by those members living in the State of Oregon, in order to go to Stockton, California, the place of meeting.

Item 5. A letter from Rev. J. Gantenbein of Portland, Oregon; 1st, asking to be excused for non-attendance upon the present meeting of Synod; 2nd, pleading most earnestly and piteously for payment of what is due him, for past services, by our Missionary Board.

Item 6. A paper from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the United States, directing the attention of the Synod to the subject of its ratio of representation in the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 7. An appeal, from the Second Reformed Church of Hagerstown, Md., for aid in support of its pastor.

Item 8. A communication from a Committee of the Maryland

Classis, requesting the aid of this and the two other Eastern Synods in the establishing of an English Reformed Church in the City of Washington.

Respectfully submitted,

HY. ST. J. RINKER,
SIMON S. MILLER,
JOHN SHIFLER,
EMANUEL KRONE,
Committee.

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XX., Publication; on items 2, 3, and 6, see Article XIII., Education; and on items 4, 5, 7, and 8, see Article XIV., Missions.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes presented their report, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended, then adopted as a whole, and is as follows, viz.:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Classes submit the following as their report:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. North Carolina Classis failed to furnish the Synod with a copy of its Minutes for the past Synodical year.
2. San Francisco Classis failed in the same particular.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

None.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

1. Rev. A. Spangler complains to Synod of the action of Zion's Classis, in regard to the restoration of F. E. Vandersloot to the Holy Ministry.

2. Elder A. H. Addams complains to Synod of the action of Zion's Classis in regard to the deposition from the Holy Ministry of O. L. Ashenfelter, and his expulsion from the Communion of the Church.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, and Virginia Classes have taken favorable action upon the following subjects: Home Missions, increased circulation of *The Messenger*, Orphan's Home, and Society for the Relief of Ministers and Widows of Ministers.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, AND DISMISSED.

1. Zion's Classis received licentiate E. Garver Williams from the Philadelphia Classis, and ordained him; received Rev. Solomon B. Schafer from the Mercersburg Classis, Rev. J. Marion Mickley from the Tuscarawas Classis, and Rev. Amos H. Kremer, D. D., from the Lancaster Classis, Synod of the United States; dismissed Rev. James I. Good to the Philadelphia Classis; restored F. E. Vandersloot to the Holy Ministry; and deposed O. L. Ashenfelter from the Christian Ministry, and expelled him from the Communion of the Church.

2. Maryland Classis licensed George M. Zacharias; ordained the licentiate Charles H. Coon; received Rev. Ambrose C. Geary from the Mercersburg Classis, Rev. Anthony Shulenberg from the Iowa Classis, Rev. John G. Noss from the Philadelphia Classis, Rev. William Rupp from the Somerset Classis, and Rev. Jonas B. Shontz from the East Susquehanna Classis; and dismissed Rev. John M. Souder to the Allegheny Classis.

3. Mercersburg Classis licensed Henry S. Garner and John M. North; ordained the licentiate David W. Ebbert; received Rev. William A. Gring from the Maryland Classis; dismissed Rev. Solomon B. Schafer to the Zion's Classis, Rev. Samuel R. Bridenbaugh to the Somerset Classis, and Rev. Harrison H. W. Hibshman to the East Pennsylvania Classis.

4. Virginia Classis licensed and ordained Barton R. Carnahan.

5. North Carolina Classis

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6. San Francisco Classis: No change.

VI. PLACE AND TIME OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

1. Zion's Classis will meet at Blain, Perry County, Pa., on Saturday, June 1st, 1878, at 8 o'clock, A. M. Rev. I. S. Weisz, D. D., *President*, and Rev. W. R. H. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*.

2. Maryland Classis will meet at Mechanicstown, Frederick County, Md., on Friday, May 31st, 1878, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. E. R. Eschbach, *President*, and Rev. S. S. Miller, *Stated Clerk*.

3. Mercersburg Classis will meet at Bedford, Bedford County, Pa., on Thursday, April 25th, 1878, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. Hassler, *President*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*.

4. Virginia Classis will meet in St. Michael's Church, Rockingham County, Va., on Friday, May 31st, 1878, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. S. Loose, *President*, and Rev. H. St. John Rinker, *Stated Clerk*.

5. North Carolina Classis will meet in Mount Zion Church, Rowan County, N. C., on Thursday, May 23rd, 1878, at o'clock .
Rev. ———, *President*, and Rev. G. W. Welker, D. D., *Stated Clerk*.

6. San Francisco Classis will meet in Stockton, California, on Saturday, June 1st, 1878, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. H. Krueger, *President*, and Rev. F. Fox, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CREMER,
N. H. SKYLES,
CHARLES G. FISHER,
JNO. P. REED,

Committee.

The items were severally adopted, with the exception of those under the heading of *Appeals* and *Complaints*; for Synod's action on which, see Article XVII., Complaints.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE and ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination offered the following report, which was received and adopted, viz.:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination would respectfully report, that no applicants for licensure came before the Committee for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SANTEE,
L. S. WEISZ,
PETER B. MIKESELL,
I. H. KEEFER,

Committee.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports made the following report, which was received and adopted, viz.:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren :—

The Committee on the State of Religion and Morals would respectfully present to this Synod the following report. They have received and carefully considered the reports on the state of religion laid before this Synod

by the several Classes belonging to it, and have taken into consideration also, whatever facts they were able to observe that might directly or indirectly assist them in accomplishing their object; notwithstanding which, they feel very great diffidence in pronouncing judgment upon so grave a subject.

The reports that have come before us from the Classes are, in the main, of an encouraging nature. From them we learn that the work of the Gospel has, during the past year, been carried regularly and faithfully forward in the congregations under the care of this Synod; that there has been, for the most part, a diligent and faithful use of the means of grace by the members of the Church; that children and youth have, according to the custom of the Church, been carefully instructed in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion; that the increase of the membership of the Church, while by no means exceptionally large, manifests a reasonable degree of healthy growth and progress; that, in general, the people have walked worthy of their vocation as Christians; that there has been increased interest and activity in the Sunday School work; that dissension has been well-nigh unknown within our bounds, and such a degree of peace and harmony has prevailed as ought to be favorable in the highest degree to spiritual growth.

It is, without doubt, exceedingly gratifying to the Synod, to receive these accounts of the spiritual growth and prosperity of its congregations. Respecting the points upon which these reports chiefly dwell, we are convinced that there has been no overstatement. We are satisfied that, in general, the state of religion, within the bounds of this Synod, has been good; that there has been a vast amount of earnest, humble and self-denying labor, for Christ's sake, on the part of Pastors, Elders and Deacons, as also of the Professors in our institutions of learning; and that this activity has been blessed by God to the spiritual good of the thousands of Christian people under our care.

Partly, however, from the reports themselves, and partly from such a general survey of the state of religion in the Synod, as various circumstances have enabled us to take, the Committee have received impressions, which it would be unfair not to set forth side by side with those already presented. It will hardly be questioned by any one at all familiar with the affairs of this Synod, that, while there is much to be thankful for, there is much, also, that ought to awaken our very serious anxiety and concern. It is possible, to some extent, to infer the state of religion in the Synod from the condition of the manifold works which it is carrying forward for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. A sound and vigorous piety will naturally reveal itself in the earnestness and vigor with which such works are prosecuted; while any languishing in this respect would seem to indicate a corresponding weakness in the religious life of which these movements are the utterance. Judging in this way, we are of the opinion and must in this report express the opinion, that the state of religion in our midst is far less prosperous than we ought to expect. The sacred work of missions languishes; the cause of Christian education is more or less neglected; our institutions of learning, so worthy of our confidence and support, are but poorly supported; of scarcely any work in which this Synod is engaged can it be said that it is vigorously and successfully carried forward. No one, we suppose, would claim that the present condition of Christian work in this Synod corresponds, in any high degree, to the bright anticipations and hopes which its founders and friends cherished for it at the time of its organization. On the contrary, there seems to be a pause in its onward march; a languor in the religious life of the congregations; a dearth of those noble deeds of Christian ser-

vice, those noble acts of Christian liberality, which are scarcely ever altogether wanting where piety is in a thriving condition. This state of affairs is, without doubt, due, in large part, to causes of such a nature that it would be great injustice to regard it as a necessary indication of a lack of true religion. But, making all due allowance for this, we are of the opinion that it does, to some extent, indicate a low degree of piety and devotion. If this be so, we ought to have the candor to acknowledge it; we need to humble ourselves for it; and, as we may sing a hymn of thanksgiving over what God has done for us, and what He has enabled us to do for Him, we must chant a sorrowful psalm of penitence, also, over our want of Christian love, and our lack of earnestness in Christian work.

The best remedy for this evil, so far as the evil exists, we believe to be, not so much in directly endeavoring to correct it at this point or that, as, indirectly, in laboring with all the energy we possess, and praying with all the faith we can summon, for the development, in ourselves and in our people, of a larger and nobler type of Christian character. The greatest danger to which we are now exposed we believe to be that of coldness and apathy with respect to this most important practical matter. And this danger is, in our opinion, an indirect and incidental result of a movement which has itself been an inestimable blessing to the Church. We have passed through a stage in our history as a Church, which has been chiefly characterized by a profound interest in Christian doctrine, by earnest doctrinal investigation and discussion, and, to a large extent, by theological controversy. This movement resulted in giving us such a superior theology, such a noble view of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as carries in itself, we believe, the power of untold blessing for the Church. It was accompanied, however, by the subtle danger of begetting, throughout the Church, a vicious appetite for discussion, a depraved thirst for controversy, an interest in doctrine, simply as doctrine, without sufficient reference to the supreme necessity of carrying forward to its proper results in the sphere of the practical Christian life whatever may have been gained in the sphere of doctrinal truth. This by no means uncommon danger, of being interested and active in respect of doctrine, cold, indifferent and slow in the work of moulding the religious life in accordance with the doctrine, our beloved Church has not altogether escaped. We need to remember that, whilst we have come, as it would seem, to the end of one important stage in our history, we have just come to the beginning of another equally important. It would be fatal to us to suppose (as we fear the Church has been in danger of supposing) that we have in any sense already attained, or may in any sense come to a pause in our work. On the contrary, our noble theology is but now fairly put upon its trial; and, little will it be worth to us, nay, for our own greater condemnation will the possession of it be, unless, in our hands, it prove to develop actually, as we believe it to have the capability of developing, a nobler type of Christian manhood and a more earnest and vigorous Christian activity. To see this danger, which we are convinced is no imaginary one, but one that has been very real and very near to us, and to put ourselves on our guard against it will be one of the first necessary steps, and will of itself go far towards bringing about a more healthy and prosperous condition of religion in our midst.

In concluding this report, your Committee would mention the fact that, within the past Synodical year, two of our brethren have fallen asleep: the Rev. David W. Kelley and the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Schneider. Both were faithful ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Dr. Schneider spent the greater part of his useful and honored life as a missionary in foreign lands. We mention the names of these brethren reverently and affectionately here;

and we know that it is the desire of Synod that we should express here its grateful sense of appreciation of their labors and services as ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God help us all! May He make us more faithful shepherds of the people, and build up us, and the people under our care, in the faith and hope of the Gospel, unto everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER,
JOHN AULT,
ELLIS N. KREMER,
J. B. RESSER,
Committee.

(For Statistical Tables see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education presented its annual report, which was received, and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :—

Your Board, at its meeting in York, Pa., at the close of the last annual meeting of Synod, elected Rev. S. N. Callender, *President*, and Rev. I. G. Brown, *Secretary*. Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick was continued *Treasurer*.

The Board held a meeting in Mercersburg, last May, at the close of the session in the Post Graduate Department of Mercersburg College, and attended the examination of those students receiving theological instruction. The examinations, for the most part, proved very satisfactory to the Board. The Board also appointed its resident members a committee to attend the examinations of such beneficiary students, as are connected with the Collegiate and Preparatory Departments of the College. Those examinations took place in June, and in every instance displayed commendable progress on the part of our beneficiary students in College. They stand well in their respective classes.

The Board regrets, that owing to the protracted illness of Rev. Prof. J. B. Kerschner, no instruction could be given in Hebrew, during the past scholastic year, to such students as were studying theology. This want does not now exist, in-as-much as Prof. Kerschner, in the good providence of God, has been enabled to resume his duties, and is at present imparting instruction in the Hebrew language and Old Testament exegesis.

The Board, for its guidance, has adopted the following resolutions, viz. :

Resolved, That this Board will not receive under its care and supervision any student as a beneficiary, whose scholarship-grade, after a fair trial, does not, according to the system of grading scholarship in Mercersburg College, exceed that styled No. 3, or "Passable;" and, if at any time, the scholarship of a beneficiary student should fall to or below the aforementioned grade, he shall be discontinued as such.

Resolved, further, That whenever the average grade of scholarship of a beneficiary student does not at least equal the average class-grade of his particular class, he shall be solemnly admonished by the officers of the Board to increased diligence and faithfulness in his studies.

Resolved, still further, That whenever a beneficiary student, under the care of this Board, shall absent himself from his studies for more than one week, during the scholastic terms of the College, the Treasurer be instructed to deduct, in paying his stipend, a proportionate amount of his annual appropriation.

When the present Board was elected by the Synod of Winchester, it was for the term of three years. It is believed that this Synod ought to elect two additional members of the Board, thus making it to consist of nine members, instead of seven. The Synod should then order, that three of these should serve for one year, three for two years, and three for three years, and also instruct the members of the Board, so augmented, to determine among themselves their respective terms of service. In this way, the terms of office of three members would expire annually, and there would always remain in the Board at least a majority of those, who had one or more year's acquaintance with its workings.

During the last Synodical year, the Board had under its immediate care and supervision the following beneficiary students, to whom appropriations have been made by the respective Classes, to which they belong, to wit:

Mercersburg Classis:—Henry S. Garner, Isaac N. Peightel, Samuel C. Long, W. Willerforce Deatrick, Samuel H. Eisenberg, Albert A. Black, Daniel H. Leader, George B. Resser, and Jonathan W. Miller.

Maryland Classis:—Louis F. Zinkhan, and Marion L. Firor.

Virginia Classis:—George A. Whitmore, and Samuel L. Whitmore.

The Board has taken under its care, during the past year, Christian W. Summey of Virginia, and Charles Irving Baker of Maryland. The Maryland Classis has promised the necessary funds to meet Mr. Baker's appropriation. And the pastoral charges of Revs. Dr. Miller and Dr. Zieber of Zion's Classis stand pledged for Mr. Summey's support for one year; after which the Virginia Classis is expected to support him.

In addition to those whose names have already been mentioned, the following theological students have been pursuing their studies under the care and direction of the several Classes of this Synod, viz.: George M. Zacharias, and Henry E. Cook at Lancaster, Pa., and Barton R. Carnahan, John M. North, and Samuel T. Wagner at Mercersburg, Pa.

Messrs. Carnahan and North, having completed the full three years' course of theological instruction in the Post Graduate Department of Mercersburg College, were licensed to preach the Gospel, last May,—the former by the Virginia Classis, and the latter by the Mercersburg Classis.

Messrs. Zacharias, Zinkhan, and Garner having finished the full Seminary Course at Lancaster, have also been licensed. Mr. Garner was licensed by the Mercersburg Classis, Mr. Zinkhan by the Lancaster Classis, and Mr. Zacharius by the Maryland Classis.

At the present time, S. T. Wagner, I. N. Peightel, G. A. Whitmore, S. C. Long, M. L. Firor, W. W. Deatrick, S. H. Eisenberg, D. H. Leader, F. W. Brown, L. M. Hensell, and C. Gumbert are receiving theological instruction in the Post Graduate Department connected with Mercersburg College, and H. E. Cook in the Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following sums for Beneficiary Education, during the past Synodical year. The different pastoral charges are herein credited with the amounts contributed by them respectively; the aggregate paid by each, during the year being given, omitting the items and dates of payment, viz.:

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mercersburg Classis.

Greencastle	Charge,	\$133.00
Waterstreet	"	109.44
Bedford	"	100.58
Chambersburg	"	100.00
Mercersburg	"	100.00
Friend's Cove	"	84.00
Altoona	"	83.00
St. Clairsville	"	73.00
Mont Alto	"	71.75
Everett	"	60.00
St. Thomas	"	58.50
College Church	"	40.00
Greenfield	"	24.94
Woodcock Valley	"	14.26
Orbisonia	"	24.00
Grindstonehill	"	13.00
Woodbury	"	12.50
McConnellsburg	"	11.10
Sulphur Spring	"	4.62
Middleburg	"	3.32
Amount.....		\$1,121.01

Maryland Classis.

Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick.....	\$117.00
Hagerstown Charge.....	30.30
Emmitsburg "	28.54
First Reformed Church of Baltimore.....	26.00
Glade Charge.....	24.00
Jefferson "	22.40
Westminster "	22.00
Mechanicstown "	20.50
Middletown "	20.00
Clear Spring "	16.00
Cavetown "	15.00
Mount Moriah "	14.25
Burkittsville "	12.50
Boonsboro "	11.02
Mount Pleasant "	6.25
St. Stephen's Church,.....	3.20
Amount.....	\$388.96

Virginia Classis.

Cash per Treasurer.....	\$281.00
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Zion's Classis.

Trinity Church of York,.....	\$25.00
Hanover Charge.....	25.00
Amount.....	\$50.00
A Friend to the cause, Frederick, Md.....	\$100.00
Total.....	\$1,940.97

Contra. Cr.

By balance due the Treasurer, Oct. 17, 1876.....	\$ 15.03
By cash paid Beneficiaries of Mercersburg Classis.....	1,105.00
" " Maryland " 	315.00
" " Virginia " 	331.00
By cash paid interest on borrowed money.....	2.50
By postage, envelopes, revenue stamps, and discount.	3.00
By balance in Treasury,.....	169.44
Total.....	\$1,940.97

We hereby certify, that we have audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and find the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis is a faithful statement of the same. There is a balance in the Treasury of \$169.44, at this time.

Mercersburg, Pa., October 16, 1877.

J. HASSLER,
I. G. BROWN.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the small debt due the Treasurer, a year ago, has been liquidated, the stipends of the beneficiary students paid, and over one hundred and fifty dollars left in the Treasury. To God's name be the praise.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Report of the Board of Education was considered during the sessions of Friday and Saturday, and was approved, except in the following particulars. The Synod, in its judgment, adopted grade No 2½, instead of grade No. 3, styled "Passable," and midway between the last named grade and No. 2, which signifies "Poor," as the desired class-grade to guide the Board in its action, as contemplated in the first resolution of their Report. The Synod also disapproved of the deduction in the payment of the appropriations of the beneficiary students, as ordered in the third resolution of said Report, in case of absence.

The Synod ordered the Committee on Nominations to present a sufficient number of nominees to make the Board of Education consist of nine members instead of seven, which the Committee accordingly did. And at the election for members of the different Boards, held during Tuesday morning's session, Revs. Wm. C. Cremer and Wm. Goodrich were accordingly elected members of the Board of Education. Subsequently the Board met and determined the respective terms of service, as follows, viz. :

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick,.....	3 years.....	October, 1880.
" J. S. Kieffer,.....	3 "	" "
" J. W. Santee,.....	3 "	" "
" J. A. Peters,.....	2 "	" 1879.
" Wm. Goodrich,.....	2 "	" "
Elder J. Heyser,	2 "	" "
Rev. I. G. Brown,.....	1 year.....	" 1878.
" Wm. C. Cremer,.....	1 "	" "
" S. N. Callender,.....	1 "	" "

The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees, of the Treasurer, and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., as reported by the Committee on Overtures, were severally read, and then referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. W. Goodrich, J. A. Hoffheins, T. F. Hoffmeier, and Elders L. Markell, and J. Stickle. The committee reported during Monday's session; their report was received, amended, and then adopted. These Reports are as follows:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

BRETHREN:—The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary beg leave to submit their annual report to your Reverend Body, and ask for the suggestions herein contained your earnest consideration.

We regard ourselves as especially charged with the financial affairs of the Institution and hence our attention is mainly directed towards obtaining the means for its support. For a few years past by a judicious use of the funds, we have been enabled to realize from an interest bearing investment of say \$60,000, an income of about \$4,200, but for the past year this has been impossible, and will be impossible for years to come. Our income cannot exceed, say \$3,600, while the salaries and incidental expenses aggregate about \$4,300. To meet this deficiency it is the judgment of your Board, that it would be well for your Reverend Body to authorize us to use the income derived from the Building Fund. This sum, about \$700, will enable us to go forward without involving the Institution in debt; for it is our duty to state, that unless this is done, or some ACTUAL provision is made to increase its regular income, the Seminary will become involved to the amount of say \$700 annually.

For the information of Synod we may state, that a large proportion of the fund now known and carried along as Building Fund was originally subscribed for "Endowment or Removal." But while this would give us a clear right to pass the aggregate of such notes to the endowment fund, yet, in our judgment it is not best to pursue this course. We prefer to hold this fund intact and recommend, as already stated, that the interest only be used for the support of the Institution.

During the current year the Seminary has received but little towards its permanent endowment. More has been given for beneficiary education; and while we know that the members of the Church are free to give their money as they please, we think that they can be largely influenced by judicious counsel from the pulpit and by the utterances of Synod. We suggest, therefore, that the Pastors be requested to preach at least one sermon annually on the necessity for an educated ministry and for the support of the Seminary, and also to use their personal influence with those of their members who intend leaving legacies for benevolent purposes, to induce them to aid the endowment fund of the Seminary. We believe some good would be accomplished in this direction, if Synod would pass a minute on the subject, and direct its publication in the papers of the Church.

The Treasurer's report, herewith submitted, will explain the financial condition of the Seminary and of the various funds in our hands as a Board.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

EDWARD J. ZAHM, *Secretary.*

II. REPORT OF TREASURER.

JOHN B. ROTH, TREASURER OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, IN ACCOUNT
WITH SMALTZ FUND.

DR.

Principal of Fund is.....	\$ 5,000.00
Oct. 1, 1877, for interest received to date.....	\$260 00
For balance due per Report of Oct. 17, 1876.....	54.39

\$314.39

CR.

Oct. 1, 1877, by sundry payments to date, per voucher..	\$325.00
" 1, 1877, balance due Treasurer.....	\$10.61

Building Fund of Theological Seminary.

Oct. 17, 1876, for amount of Fund reported to Board.....	\$11,480.50
" 1, 1877, " interest received to date.....	542.25
" 1, 1877, " 1st agency notes paid.....	127.79
" 1, 1877, " 2nd " " "	70.75

740.79

Oct. 1, 1877, total Fund.....	\$12,221.29
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Pittsburgh Synod Professor Fund.

Oct. 17, 1876, for amount of Fund reported to Board.....	\$ 1,501.59
" 18, 1876, " " " Rev. Abner Dale's bequest.....	100.00
Feb. 3, 1877, " " " A. Stewart's note paid.....	26.62
Oct. 1, 1877, " " " interest received to date.....	90.09

\$1,718.30

Library Fund of Theological Seminary.

Oct. 17, 1876, for amount of Fund.....	\$ 1,862.50
" 1, 1877, " sundry interests received to date.....	119 65
" " " balance due per report to Board.....	31.45

151.10

CR.

Oct. 1, 1877, by sundry bills paid per vouchers.....	47.20
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Oct. 1, 1877, balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$103.90
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Endowment Fund Account.

Oct. 17, 1876, for amount of Fund reported to Board.....	\$64,277.41
" 18, 1876, " " " Rev. M. A. Smith.....	17.00
Nov. 25, 1876, " " " Geo. P. Hartzell.....	15.15
Dec. 8, 1876, " " " D. B. Lady	50.00
" 27, 1876, " " " Geo. P. Hartzell.....	3.25
Jan. 3, 1877, " " " N. S. Strasburger.....	100 00
May 29, 1877, " " " Geo. W. Snyder.....	25.00

210.40

Oct. 1, 1877, total of Fund.....	\$64,487.81
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Of this Fund only about \$60,000 is interest bearing.

Current expense account of Theological Seminary from October 17, 1876, to October 1, 1877.

DR.

Oct. 1, 1877, for amount of interest received on sundry investments is..... \$ 3,997.56

CR.

Oct. 1, 1877, by sundry payments made per vouchers presented \$ 5,780.32

“ 1, “ balance due Treasurer..... \$ 1,782.76

“ 1, “ collectable interests due to date..... \$ 1,360.71

October 2, 1877, the foregoing account was carefully audited and found to be correct.

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

III. REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States,

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—During the year that closed in May last the operations of the Seminary were carried forward, as in previous years, peacefully and successfully. No interruption occurred in the regular course of study. Both professors and students were permitted to attend to their respective duties with comfort from the beginning to the close of the year. There was no occasion for the exercise of discipline, and, so far as the faculty were able to judge, no exception could be taken to the moral or Christian deportment of the students. They report that they made commendable progress in the prosecution of their studies, and that the prevalent tone of piety and religious earnestness had been as good as that of the previous year. The members of the Board, nearly all of whom were present at the annual meeting, were satisfied with the examination of the different classes, as showing diligence and progress on the part of the students. Whilst most of them had enjoyed the benefit of a previous classical culture, it was gratifying to the Board to learn that those who had not been favored with such advantages, had manifested all proper diligence to make up for such advantages by applying themselves the more earnestly to their studies. Some of the latter availed themselves of the opportunities offered to them in the college and attended the lectures of the college professors in order to make up for defects in their previous training.

At the meeting of the Board a standing rule was adopted, according to which the members of the Senior class will be required hereafter to prepare written Theses on some topic included in their theological course, and to hand them over to the Board of Visitors for examination and criticism some time previous to their final examination. It is believed that this arrangement will be useful in assisting the Board to form a correct estimate of the general culture of the students, whilst it will be of some advantage to them also in their studies.

The number of students on the roll of the Seminary was thirty-three, thirteen in the Senior, eleven in the Middle and nine in the Junior class.

The following new students entered the institution during the year and formed the Junior class: John N. Appel, Robert C. Bowling, Maurice Bowman, S. P. Penrose Brown, Calvin K. Christman, M. D., Thomas J. Hacker, Thomas S. Land, Silas F. Laury, and M. Dumstreya V. Rheinsberg. With one exception they all entered at the opening of the Seminary year. Four are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, one of

a German Gymnasium, one of a Medical school in Philadelphia, and the other three pursued the special course provided for non-classical students.

The Senior class, having completed their studies and sustained a satisfactory examination before the Board, received the usual certificate of Dismissal and Recommendation for Licensure, with the exception of one, who not intending to apply for license in our Church, received a certificate of honorable dismissal. Their names are the following: A. Revallin Bartholomew, Tilghman R. Dietz, Nevin A. Fisher, Henry S. Garner, Henry Keller, Calvin Leinbach, Bloedus S. Metzger, J. Alvin Reber, Chas. W. E. Siegel, Isaac S. Stahr, George M. Zacharias, Monroe P. Zeller and Louis F. Zinkhan.

Most of the members of this class have received calls to pastoral charges and are now engaged in the active duties of the ministry. Some however are still awaiting the call to enter their future sphere of labor. It is a significant fact that owing to the regular increase in the ministry from the different institutions of the Church during the past few years, the supply of ministers at the present time is in excess of the demand. This has never been the case to the same extent before this, we presume, since the organization of our Church as a denomination in this country. It is therefore a matter for gratitude and sincere congratulation, in view of the fact that God has heard the prayers of his people and sent forth laborers into his vineyard. It shows that the efforts of the Church in years gone by to supply our congregations with a suitable ministry have not been in vain in the Lord. But whilst we should be thankful, we ought to be on our guard now lest we slacken our efforts to provide for our spiritual destitutions. Our improved condition in this respect places us as a Church on vantage-ground and puts us in a position to be more aggressive than we have been enabled to be hitherto. It should therefore be regarded as a special call from on high to redouble our exertions to enlarge our borders, to lengthen our cords and to strengthen our stakes. There is much land for us yet to possess; the destitutions still are great and we are debtors both to the Jew and to the Gentile. Instead of allowing our zeal to provide laborers for the great harvest to abate, we should seek rather to refresh and strengthen it. The Lord himself will supply places within our bounds for all whom he calls to labor in his harvest fields.

It becomes our melancholy duty to report the death of brother, Dr. John Beck, a valuable member of our Board for many years, who fell asleep last April. The Board made a proper note of this sad event by placing a suitable minute of it on the records of its proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL,
Stated Clerk.

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, AT LANCASTER, PA.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and Treasurer, and of Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, would respectfully recommend the following for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That while we do not know to what extent compliance with the request of the Board would in this case involve a diversion of the funds referred to, that it is our sense that no funds raised for building purposes, either principal or interest, should be used for endowment or Professors' salaries, or otherwise, nor ought funds raised for endowment be used for any other purposes.

2. *Resolved*, That the suggestion of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, for each pastor to preach on the necessity of an educated ministry, once a year, and that ministers and elders use their influence to awaken a deeper interest in the Seminary and if possible to procure legacies and funds for the Endowment Fund, be earnestly commended to the attention of the members of this Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary representing it as in a prosperous condition, is highly encouraging and a cause of devout gratitude to the great Head of the Church, on the part of this Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. GOODRICH,
JNO. A. HOFFHEINS,
T. F. HOFFMEIER,
LOUIS MARKELL,

Committee.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod, Messrs. W. A. Wilt, A. B. Wingerd, L. Markell, H. Wirt, I. H. Keefer, and H. M. Cocklin were nominated for election by the Synod of the United States as members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., to represent the interests of this Synod in said Board.

Revs. A. H. Kremer, J. O. Miller, E. R. Eschbaech, and W. R. H. Deatrich were nominated for election by the same Synod, as members of the Board of Visitors from this Synod.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted :

WHEREAS, Mercersburg College, located at Mercersburg, Pa., is within the bounds of this Synod ; therefore be it,

Resolved, That the Synod extend its sympathy to the brethren in their good work, and commend the Institution to the favorable regard of her membership.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Board of Missions, of the Superintendent of Missions, and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions were laid before Synod, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions. The letters of Revs. F. Fox and J. Gantenbein of the San Francisco Classis, so far as they refer to missionary matters, were also referred to the same Committee. The Committee reported at Monday Evening's Session, and their report was received and adopted. These Reports are as follows :

I. REPORT OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Potomac,

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The Superintendent of Missions will furnish you with a detailed account of our united work for the Synodical year that has just closed. We as a Board desire to make the following additional statements of results, at the close of the first period of our joint work. And whilst we cannot present so flattering a statement of results as we desire to do, yet we feel assured that sufficient has been accomplished by this united working of Missions, by the three Synods, as to encourage us to continue the plan, with the hope of something better in the future. And with this conviction, at our last annual meeting, October 1st, 1877, we adopted the following resolution, namely:

“Resolved, That this Board recommends to the several Synods which created the Board, that the present Tri-Synodic union plan of missionary operations be continued.”

When we began this united work, or rather by the time we got into working order, the plan by which we proposed to do the work, the three Synods had assigned us, almost six months of the first year had elapsed. We started with an empty Treasury and had thirty-six missions placed under our care, located at different places across the entire continent, some of which missions, owing to peculiar circumstances, we have found difficult to manage to this day. And, by the time we had gotten into full operation, from four to five thousand dollars was due our Missionaries, *above the amount* that had come into our Treasury from voluntary offerings, whilst the amount needed to cover the current expenses of the first year was nearly \$13,000.

Besides this, it will be remembered that up to the time we began this united work, the Synods in the several sections of the Church had their Boards, and many of the Classes had the same; all of which was calculated to create confusion in the missionary work of the Church. Consequently there were many private claims first to be settled, and arrangements made before all could heartily enter into this work, whilst the unsettled financial condition of the country and the panic which soon followed increased our embarrassment.

These Synodical, Classical and local hindrances have, in a large measure, passed away by time and mutual forbearance, even if the financial condition of the country has not improved. And there is but one Classis in our three Synods now that does not co-operate with us. Another of the Classes of late has resolved to pay appropriations to the missionaries in her bounds *first* and then send us her surplus funds. Yet these brethren, we feel assured, will see, ere long, the wisdom of co-operating with the rest of the Church in this blessed work.

During these four years we have had forty-six missions under our care—some of them, however, for only a part of the time. Of these four have become self-supporting; nine, a year ago, were transferred to the Board of the German Synod, and three have been discontinued. We have received under our care during this time eleven new missions; so that now, after these transfers and discontinuances, we have still thirty missions remaining under the care of our Board.

We have reduced the expenses of the Board for the current year from that of \$13,000 for the first year, to \$9,330. And, although we have not so large a number, still we have as many promising missions as before. But for the financial embarrassment of the country, that interrupted our plans, we should not only be out of debt, but have occupied more territory,

that said "come over and help us." And yet we feel thankful to a kind providence, that we have been able to do what we did, in the face of the hindrances we had to encounter from within and without. We may ourselves have been to blame for some of these hindrances, but we are conscious at the same time that we have acted to the best of our judgment.

Much of the apportionments made by the Synods upon the Classes for missions, during these four years, remains unpaid; this neglect on the part of the Church, leaves us indebted to our missionaries about \$7,000. To this deficit we call your serious attention, and that of each of the Synods represented in this Board. And we earnestly entreat you to take measures at once to have this deficit collected, and paid as speedily as possible into the Treasury, in order that we may pay these servants of the Church their just dues, some of whom are suffering, and, in many instances, they need it for bread for their families.

We shall need for the purpose of carrying on our mission work, for the coming year, exclusive of the present indebtedness, \$9,330. And in order to meet this indebtedness, together with current expenses, we shall need \$16,330. If the full apportionment of last year only had been paid we should now be free of debt, and all our missionaries paid—and if the deficit on the appropriations, which the Synods made in 1874-5, were now paid into the Treasury we could continue all our missions for this year and not ask the Church for one dollar. The Synods may ask us to explain how came this debt, and how it continues to increase? Figures from the Treasurer's printed reports, and his present one, will reply for us. At the meeting of the Synods in 1873, when these plans of operations were adopted, no apportionment was made. At the end of that year the Treasurer reported \$8,164 received from the three Synods, and that \$4,060 was still wanting to pay the dues of the year then closed. In 1874 the Synods apportioned among themselves \$14,000, of which they paid, says the report, \$9,664, in which

The Synod of the United States fell short.....	\$1,273
The Synod of Pittsburg " "	1,275
The Synod of the Potomac " "	1,788
Total.....	\$4,336

In 1875 the Synods apportioned \$15,000, of which they paid to meet debt and expenses \$10,622,—deficit \$4,979, in which

The Synod of the United States fell short.....	\$2,509
The Synod of Pittsburg " "	1,233
The Synod of the Potomac " "	1,236

In 1876 the Synods again apportioned \$15,000, but of which to this date only \$7,997.57 has been paid—leaving a deficit of \$7,002.43.

Should the Synods secure the payment only of the apportionment of last year, the debt would be paid, and you would only have to provide for the \$9,330 for the current year. In the two years of 1875-6

The Synod of the United States fell back.....	\$3,782
The Synod of Pittsburg " "	2,508
The Synod of the Potomac " "	3,024
Total.....	\$9,314

Add to that \$7,002.43, deficit of this year, and you have \$16,326. This would pay all indebtedness and support the missions for the coming year. If you will provide for this by another apportionment, then we suggest

that the Synod of the United States assumes \$9,000, Pittsburg \$2,830, Potomac \$4,500.

If only one half of our communicant membership now in these three Synods, 81,309, would give at an average of 50 cents each this year for missions, we should have over \$20,000 for this cause.

The term for which the Superintendent was elected is about to expire. The Synods have made it our duty to nominate a successor. We have agreed unanimously to suggest to you the name of the Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel of the Synod of the United States to fill that office for the coming term.

And whilst we unite with all Christians in the prayer, "Lord, send more laborers into thy vineyard," we can not but add to our prayer "that our people may properly understand what is their duty, in regard to the missionary work of the Church, and have grace to give more liberally of their means, as God has prospered them. And unto His name be all the glory, in the Church, world without end. Amen."

J. O. MILLER, *President*.

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary*.

II. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac,

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—At the close of another year of missionary work by our Synods, I hereby submit for your consideration a general statement in the way of report respecting the same.

SYNOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

Though this is the oldest Synod, the fruitful mother of the others, the home of the earliest and largest Reformed settlements in the land, yet it has now, and owing to its including so many large towns and cities within its territory, will likely continue to have a goodly proportion of the whole number of our missions within its bounds. During the year there were *fifteen*, all of them, with two exceptions, in cities or thriving towns.

Cataaugua, Pa.—John J. Christ, pastor. The late pastor of this mission Rev. A. B. Koplin after a number of years spent in hard and successful labor, accepted a call from the Hellertown charge. His successor finds, however, still much to do; has so far found favor with his people and the community. English and German. Appropriation, old, \$600; new, \$350.

Allentown, Pa.—Christ Church, Jared Fritzinger, pastor. This mission is but little more than a year old. It has been in large part a labor of love with its pastor. Its members have suffered from lack of work, and as times brighten, its prospects will doubtless brighten. Has a good Sunday school. German. Appropriation \$300.

Easton, Pa.—Grace Church, Daniel Y. Heisler, pastor. Growing in membership, consistence, and self-consciousness. English. Appropriation \$200.

Reading, Pa.—St. John's, John W. Steinmetz, pastor. This congregation has its large church and parsonage about completed. It is well-located, the only drawback to which is a heavy debt. Has been highly prosperous, and looks toward a useful and influential future. English and German. Appropriation \$400.

Shenandoah City, Pa.—Vacant. For several years past this mission was served by the Rev. E. D. Miller with great self-denial and a good degree

of success. The congregation is now supplied by a committee of Lebanon Classis. German and English. Appropriation \$300.

Philadelphia, Pa.—*St. John's*, J. Samuel Vandersloot, pastor. Steady, wisely directed work always been necessary in this mission. It labors under peculiar difficulties; and yet it has many valuable elements of strength in it, and undoubted opportunities of growth before it, if they can only be utilized. The present pastor has taken charge within the year, and it cannot yet be seen to what extent blessings will attend his labors. English. Appropriation \$300.

Wyoming, Del.—E. H. Dieffenbacker, pastor. The membership of this mission is growing. A visit to Caroline County, Md., has shown that most likely a congregation can be organized in that section, which might for some time, at least, be served by the pastor at Wyoming. For many reasons we believe that before long a separate charge may be formed on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, as many of our people are buying land in Kent, Queen Anne, Talbot and Caroline Counties. English. Appropriation \$300.

Harrisburgh, Pa.—*Second Church*, George W. Snyder, pastor. Nothing marked occurred in this mission during the year. It has a good location, a fine building, and an inviting future. English. Appropriation \$300.

Harrisburgh, Pa.—*Zwingli*, Wm. T. Gerhard, pastor. The late pastor, Rev. Moritz Noll, followed a call to Ohio in the early part of the year. Then came a long vacancy. The veteran Father Gerhard has now taken charge, and, judging from his success at Lancaster in a similar work, we may predict prosperity for this congregation. German. Appropriation \$250.

Columbia, Pa.—Conrad Clever, pastor. Congregation doing well. Growing internally in character and externally in membership. Appropriation, old, \$100; new, \$59.

Overton, Pa.—Vacant. German and English. Appropriation \$75. It should be supplied soon, or it will greatly suffer.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Vacant. The English mission in this place was organized under the name of Trinity last January. For a short time previous Rev. J. B. Shontz had been laboring here, and getting things ready for this event. He was liked by his people, and gathered a membership of some forty by spring, when, with the consent of the Executive Council he retired from the mission. The appropriation was at the rate of \$600.

Liverpool, Pa.—Willoughby Donat, pastor. This brother has done well. The field is now self-sustaining since June last.

Lock Haven, Pa.—*Church of the Resurrection*, Isaac S. Stahr, pastor.—Vacant from May to October. A German congregation, heretofore independent, located four miles from Lock Haven, has been received by West Susquehanna Classis, and connected with this mission. This necessitated the calling of a pastor who could use readily the English and the German language. Appropriation, old, \$400; new, \$300. As Superintendent I feel constrained to express my full conviction that the sum of \$300, appropriation to this mission, is entirely inadequate, and should be raised to \$400, at the earliest possible date.

Lansdale, Pa.—Supplied by a committee of Tohickon Classis in connection with the Superintendent of missions. The main part of the ministerial labor has hitherto been done by the Rev. Jacob Kehrm. The new church, a gem in its way, is finished. There has been a good work done here in unfavorable times.

Of these missions in the Eastern Synod one,—the Liverpool—has become self-sustaining during the year. Several of the others are almost at that point, while others again will need help for several years to come, and well deserve that help. Lansdale has not cost us any appropriation, and will doubtless be connected with a neighboring charge.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

By the organization of the German West Pennsylvania Classis out of the membership of this Synod, and the transfer of missions in the Eastern German Synod, the number of missions to the Pittsburgh Synod has been largely decreased. There are now *seven*; though, in addition to these, two of the Classes support each one or two weak charges with the missionary aid on their own responsibility.

Kittanning, Pa.—D. S. Dieffenbacher, pastor. Self-supporting since last June. Has been very prosperous. English.

Titusville, Pa.—J. Heberle, pastor. New life and energy seem to have come to this congregation. The pastor has a large field of usefulness, both in Titusville and in surrounding towns. German. Appropriation \$150.

Cumberland, Md.—F. R. Schwedes, pastor. This has come to be a solid interest. Besides the main congregation in Cumberland there is a branch congregation in Keyser city. German. Appropriation, old, \$350; new, \$300.

Scottdale, Pa.—Samuel Z. Beam, pastor. Mission in this place has been doing well. Ought, however, to be connected with some neighboring congregations to make it self-supporting within a reasonable time. English. Appropriation, old, \$250; new, \$200.

Allegheny, Pa.—*First Church*, Wm. F. Lichliter, pastor. This congregation has not always run a smooth course. It has had to contend with serious internal and external difficulties. These anterior to the coming of the present pastor. If this congregation, always self-supporting with the exception of a short period, is to be saved to the Reformed Church, all who are concerned with it, will have to act discreetly, energetically and with a liberal hand. English. Appropriation \$400.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—*Trinity*, J. M. Souder, pastor. Suffered from hard times, like many other missions. The pastor is liked by his people and looks hopefully to the future. English. Appropriation \$250, continued.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—*Zion's*, H. D. Darbaker, pastor. The number of members has been increased during the year. General harmony prevails. English. Appropriation \$300, continued.

Of the missions of the Pittsburgh Synod, here enumerated, one—that in Kittanning—has become self-supporting during the year. The others will need more or less continuous help for several years to come. They are all located in prominent places.

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

The missions of this Synod are *ten* in number. Generally speaking they have done well.

Duncannon, Pa.—U. H. Heilman, pastor. This charge has made progress during the year. The people of the congregations have commendably gone to work and aided the pastor, which fact has greatly encouraged him. English and German. Appropriation, old, \$300; new, \$200.

Winchester, Va.—Charles G. Fisher, pastor. A material improvement in this charge has been the purchase, on favorable terms, of a suitable parsonage. The mission has also otherwise made progress. English. Appropriation, old, \$350; new, \$250.

Orbisonia, Pa.—John M. Schick, pastor. In this mission, consisting of several small congregations, one new Church is building, and one old one purchased is undergoing repairs. Solid work has been done here. English. Appropriation, old, \$200; new, \$150.

Chambersburg, Pa.—*St. John's*, Carl Gundlach, pastor. A small congregation to which a number of members have been added during the year. German. Appropriation, old, \$100; new, \$75.

Sulphur Spring, Pa.—W. Augustus Gring, pastor. The brother laboring in this field is greatly encouraged. Future hopeful. English. Appropriation \$200, continued.

Washington, D. C.—*St. Stephen's*. Supplied by the Superintendent of missions for near two years, aided by a committee appointed by Maryland Classis. For more than a year past regular services every two weeks as a rule, except during the hot season. Organization made, amid much good feeling, on Sunday, October 7; one person confirmed, one received on profession of faith; and the Holy Communion, with goodly attendance, celebrated in the evening of the same day. The Board has resolved that the appropriation be \$1000; and that a missionary shall be commissioned as soon as a suitable man can be procured.

PACIFIC COAST MISSIONS.

San Francisco, Cal.—John H. Krueger, pastor. There are evident signs of life in the mission here. The people are subscribing for the relief of their church debt with the expectation of help from the East. Some members have also been added. Sunday-school in good condition. German. Appropriation, old, \$300; new, \$225.

Napa, Cal.—Frederick Fox, pastor. Not much change in this mission. The pastor has been heavily afflicted by the loss of his wife, who deserves kindest remembrance in this connection, inasmuch as she led a life of great usefulness to the mission itself. German and English. Appropriation, old, \$440; new, \$310.

Portland, Oregon.—John Gantenbein, pastor. Suitable lots for church and parsonage have been bought, and a chapel is in course of erection. It is expected that very little debt will remain after the chapel is completed. Thus the mission will get a prominent character. It is centrally located, also, for exerting an influence over other communities in the State. German. Appropriation, old, \$500; new, \$400.

Salem, Oregon.—J. Muellhaupt, pastor. The effort in this field has been to organize one or two congregations, toward which end fair progress has been made. The difficulties in the way are, however, also numerous—a fact not to be overlooked. The pastor has to undergo many privations. German. Appropriation \$300, continued.

SUMMARY.

Missions in Synod of the United States.....	15
“ “ Pittsburgh Synod.....	7
“ “ Synod of the Potomac.....	10
Total.....	32

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Iowa Missions.—There are several missions in Iowa Classis, maintained in part by funds coming from these Synods. As they are in no way under our control, we have no report from them.

Mission Territory.—I cannot let this opportunity pass without calling the attention of the Synods to the promising territory for founding mission congregations, which is more and more opening to the Reformed Church. Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Baltimore and Pittsburgh have an open door for us to enter. In each one, or its immediate suburbs, a new congregation could be organized at any time we chose to do it. Delaware, Eastern Maryland, and Virginia, are receiving a large influx of Reformed immigration from the older settlements. The same is measurably true of Tennessee; and very largely true of Texas, whither whole colonies from East Pennsylvania, for example, are going now, and many more are likely to go. We should lay hold of all these localities in good time.

Washington, D. C.—The English interest in this city, as elsewhere in this report noticed, has now obtained form under the name of St. Stephen's congregation, organized on Sunday, October 7th, 1877, with twenty odd members. Two elders and two deacons were elected, confirmation was had and the first Communion celebrated. Those acquainted with the facts know that much and long continued labor, patience and hopefulness were demanded to bring about this happy issue; *an event of more than ordinary consequence to our entire Church.*

REFLECTIONS.

By the first of December next four years will have passed since our present Board of Missions officially and actively began its work. That was the term, too, for which the Superintendent was elected, and for which substantially unchanged the Board itself was to continue. *What did we find then?* A Mission Board in the two Eastern Synods, a Mission Board in the Pittsburgh Synod, and Mission Boards or committees acting as such in a number of the Classes. Furthermore, we found a debt of over \$5,000, owing by these several Boards and Classes, and a current expense account in the neighborhood of \$13,000 per annum, with an income considerable below it, and the missionary cause on the high tide to manifold embarrassments. To crown all, we stood at the threshold of a panic, unexampled, for sapping everything, in the history of our country. *And what have we done?* We have driven out of existence this wilderness of Mission Boards.

We have succeeded, after two year's effort, in getting all the Classes—except North Carolina—to co-operate with the Board of these Synods. This was one of the most difficult things in the history of our Church practically to accomplish; and, from indications, it will be found one of the most difficult things to keep accomplished in the future. Yet it is fundamental to all true, permanent success in the work.

We have reduced the running expenses from \$13,000 to a little over \$9,000 per annum, and support with this about as many promising missions as were supported with the original larger sum.

In a number of Classes the sum contributed for missions have been steadily rising; in others, they have been stationary; and in several they have fallen off, we are sorry to say, caused, however, it is said by the brethren in those Classes by extra severity of the times in their localities.

We have proved that the claims of the several Classes, and the claims of a General Board, can be harmonized by proper mediation, whenever that

mediation is allowed to come in, and its agreements are equally supported by both parties.

But—

Well, the present arrangement has left much undone. It has doubtless been guilty of sins of omission, and of commission, too. I presume no sensible person expected it to meet all wants and stop all woes in our missionary work. Four years are too short a period for that. Besides, the general plan, while I hold it, as a whole, to be the best by far we have hitherto inaugurated, has shown some serious defects in its workings, as might have been expected. The principal defect consists beyond all reasonable question, in the *accidental system of brakes*, as I might most expressively call it, external and internal, which has greatly obstructed its efficiency, and defeated some of the plainest ends it was intended to meet. And in any reconstruction that may be attempted, it should be borne in mind, that any cause having the limited propelling force of our missionary work cannot bear many brakes, multiplied checks. The object should be to eliminate them, wherever possible. Again, the vigorous carrying forward of our missionary operations demands a free, untrammelled executive head, to whom Boards are advisory, but the Synods alone are mandatory. Let it be the President of the Board; let it be a numerically small committee, selected wisely for the purpose; let it be a General Superintendent. Any of these, especially the first or last might and would do. But let it never be, if the work is to be done, any two or all three of them.

As with the expiration of my term of service, by the first of December, I intend to enter the ranks of our active pastors, I hereby thank the Synods for the confidence reposed in me and the general kindness bestowed upon me in the responsible position I have occupied.

Respectfully submitted,

F. K. LEVAN,

Superintendent of Missions.

III. REPORT OF TREASURER OF HOME MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I beg leave, most respectfully, to submit the following Report of the finances of the Board for the year ending October 8th, 1877.

RECEIPTS.

SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

Classis of Philadelphia.....	\$ 385.84
“ “ Goshenhoppen.....	1,039.76
“ “ East Pennsylvania.....	253.19
“ “ Lebanon.....	1,290.66
“ “ Lancaster.....	594.67
“ “ West Susquehanna.....	338.38
“ “ East Susquehanna.....	424.13

Total from Synod of the United States..... \$4,326.63

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Classis of Zion.....	\$ 670.13
“ “ Maryland.....	1,093.72
“ “ Mercersburg.....	382.63

Total from Synod of the Potomac..... \$2,146.48

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

Classis of Allegheny.....	\$ 120.00
“ “ Clarion.....	36.00
“ “ Somerset.....	275.40
From Treasurer of Synod.....	825.00
Total from Synod of Pittsburgh.....	\$1,256.40
From California Classis.....	9.80
“ Miscellaneous sources.....	258.26
Balance in Treasury October 9, 1876.....	633.72
Total from all sources.....	\$8,631.29

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders of the Board paid during the year	\$7,897.29
Amount paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis.....	163.16
Balance due the Board.....	570.84
	————— \$8,631.29

I have also received during the year the following named sums on account of subscriptions made to Rev. John Gantenbein for Church Extension on the Pacific Coast, viz.:

Tohickon Classis—From Rev. D. Rothrock.....	\$135.00
Lancaster Classis—From Mrs. Geo. Small, Harrisburg.....	\$57.37
“ “ “ Reformed Salem Ch. “	50 00
“ “ “ Geo. Z. Kunkle “	100.00
“ “ “ Wm. H. Seibert “	50.00
	————— 257.37
Total.....	\$292.37

This sum has been appropriated towards the payment of a lot of ground in Portland, Oregon, purchased by Rev. John Gantenbein.

Very respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

Harrisburg, Oct. 8, 1877.

Harrisburg, Oct. 9, 1877. I do hereby certify, that I examined the preceding account comparing it with the vouchers and found it to be correct—leaving a balance of five hundred and seventy dollars and eighty-four cents (\$570.84) in the Treasury.

D. W. GROSS, *Committee.*

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions begs leave to offer the following as their report:

We had placed in our hands the following documents for consideration, namely: a statement from the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, the Report of the Superintendent of Missions, the Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-

Synodic Board of Missions, a letter from the Rev. John Gantenbein of Portland, Oregon, and a letter from Rev. F. Fox of Napa, California. From these documents your Committee learn that although greatly embarrassed by financial pressure, the missionary work has been maintained during the past year. In consequence of the Church not coming up, especially during the past year to her apportionments, the Board is largely indebted to the missionaries. They make an earnest appeal to the Synods for immediate relief for these suffering missionaries.

The Board had under their care during the past year thirty-one missionaries, ten of which were within the bounds of this Synod. They have received from the three Synods during last year \$7,739.51, and from other sources \$901.78; total \$8,631.29. They paid out \$8,060.45, leaving a deficit owing the missionaries of nearly \$7,000, to meet which there remains in the Treasury only \$570.80. This is a sad state of things when the Church is so able to meet all these claims and could so readily double this amount, if properly appealed to by our pastors, and those having charge of these matters. The Board need for current expenses of the coming year \$9,330, and to meet indebtedness \$7,000 more—a total of \$16,330.

The Board suggests to the Synods the continuance of the present plan for working our missions. They suggest further the name of the Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel of the Synod of the United States for the office of Superintendent for the coming term.

Your Committee suggest the following action :

1. *Resolved*, That the present plan for working our missions be continued.
2. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel, be and hereby is chosen to the office of Superintendent of Missions for the coming term
3. *Resolved*, That the pastors of our Churches be directed to make an appeal to their people for the relief of our missionaries.
4. *Resolved*, That this Synod apportion \$4,500 among the several Classes to meet the present indebtedness and current expenses of the Board.
5. *Resolved*, That this amount be apportioned among the Classes as follows; Maryland Classis, \$1,500; Zion's Classis, \$1,200; Mercersburg Classis, \$1,200; Virginia Classis, \$400; North Carolina Classis, \$200.
6. *Resolved*, That the letters of Revs. J. Gantenbein and F. Fox be referred to the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.

J. O. MILLER,
J. H. SYKES,
M. L. SHUFORD,
H. HARTZEL,
C. M. KEEDY,
Committee.

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Rev. A. H. Kremer and Elder G. S. Griffith were elected members of the Synodic Board of Missions for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Rev. A. H. Kremer,	4 years,	October 1, 1881
Elder G. S. Griffith,	4 "	" 1, 1881
Rev. J. A. Peters,	3 "	" 1, 1880
" E. R. Eschbach,	3 "	" 1, 1880
Elder Henry Wirt,	2 "	" 1, 1879
Rev. J. O. Miller,	1 "	" 1, 1878
Elder Wm. A. Wilt,	1 "	" 1, 1878

The usual missionary meeting was held on Monday Evening, when several addresses were made, and a collection was lifted for the cause, amounting to \$26.31.

Items 1 and 2 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, laid on the table at the time of acting on said report, until the Committee on Missions report, were then taken up, and it was found, that the apportionments for Missions had been only partly met by the Classes, as shown by the Treasurer's Report.

In this connection, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly calls the attention of the Tri-Synodie Board to the Mission work in the Valley of Virginia, as a work which the Synod of the Potomac regards with special interest, hope, and love.

The application of the Second Reformed Church of Hagerstown, Md., as reported by the Committee on Overtures, item 7, was duly considered by the Synod, and the request was not granted, in consequence of the embarrassed state of its missionary funds, as well as on account of long missionary assistance rendered said congregation in former years.

The request to Synod, coming from a Committee of the Maryland Classis, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, under item 8, to aid in establishing an English Reformed congregation in Washington, D. C., was regarded with favor, and the interests of said mission were referred to the special consideration of the Tri-Synodie Board of Missions.

The suggestion of said Committee, that the Synod of the Potomac, in conjunction with the Synods of the United States and Pittsburgh, pledge itself to raise, in the way of Church Extension, its proportion of the amount necessary for the securing of a lot and Chapel for the mission, was laid on the table until the next annual meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Synod submitted his Annual Report, which was received, and then referred to the Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited. The Report is as follows :

LOUIS MARKELL, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac :*

DR.

October 20, 1876,	to balance, cash on hand.....	\$321.15.
" 22, "	to cash collection, missionary meeting.....	20.47
August 20, 1877,	to cash received of North Carolina Classis.....	10.00
Sept. 8, "	to cash received of Mercersburg Classis.....	65.00
October 4, "	to cash received of Maryland Classis.....	60.00
" 18, "	to cash received of Virginia Classis for 1876.....	20.00
" 18, "	" " " " " 1877.....	10.00
" 18, "	" " " " " Zion's Classis.....	65.00
Making.....		\$571.62

CONTRA. CR.

October 22, 1876,	by cash paid Rev Dr. Higbee, expenses of committee	\$ 5.25.
" 25, "	by cash paid Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of Missions	20.47
" 27, "	by cash paid Wm. D. Gross, Treasurer, assessment of General Synod.....	166.00
December 23, 1876,	by cash paid for printing Minutes.....	165.00
" 23, "	" " " Rev. Wm. M. Deatruck, Stated Clerk, expenses.....	13.50
September 8, 1877,	by cash paid Rev. Wm. M. Deatruck, Stated Clerk, salary	75.00
October 18, "	by balance, cash on hand.....	126.40
Making.....		\$571.62

On motion, it was,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to charge interest on all assessments made for Contingent Fund of Synod, if not paid on or before the first of August following the time of assessment.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was received and adopted, viz. :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the Treasurer's Report, with its accompanying vouchers, and find it to be correct. There remains a balance in the Treasury of \$126.40. In order to meet the current expenses of Synod, and also provide in part for the

assessment of the next General Synod, which will meet next May, the Committee recommend, that the sum of \$285.00 be raised, and that it be apportioned among the several Classes, as follows:

Zion's Classis	\$ 80.00
Mercersburg Classis.....	80.00
Maryland Classis.....	75.00
Virginia Classis.....	25.00
North Carolina Classis.....	25.00
Making.....	<u>\$285.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH,
A. J. KELLER,
H. TALLHELM,
D. S. FIROR,
Committee.

Item 4 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, laid on the table at the time of considering said Report, was then adopted, it having been learned from the Treasurer's Report, that all the Classes had paid their assessments for contingent purposes.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Board of Trustees of Synod presented their annual report to Synod, which was received and approved, and is as follows:

The Board of Trustees beg leave to report, as follows: Your Board held one meeting during the current year. The organization as it was effected last year was continued, viz., Rev. S. N. Callender being President, and Rev. E. R. Eschbach, Secretary.

Your Board regrets to report, that it has not yet succeeded in liquidating the debt incurred in effecting the loan of \$2,000, for the benefit of the Printing Establishment. It was the purpose of its agent, Rev. M. H. Sangree, to have completed his work in securing the funds necessary for the payment of this debt, during last summer, but the disastrous strike occurring just at the time, together with its attendant depression in the monetary world, discouraged the attempt under the then existing circumstances. The Board, at its meeting during the present sessions of Synod, urged upon him the importance of immediate effort in this direction, and he has consented to enter upon the work immediately, and it is the hope and expectation of your Board, that during the current Synodical year the whole remaining amount will be raised and paid over. During the past year the agent has succeeded in securing and paying over to the Treasurer the sum of \$320.28, reducing the present indebtedness to \$818.-87. A considerable portion of this is already covered by subscriptions and pledges, but some three or four hundred dollars must yet be raised in the way of new subscriptions to meet the want.

The term of service of Rev. S. N. Callender as member of the Board will expire January 1st, 1878.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER, *President.*

At the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod, Rev. Wm. R. H. Deatrich was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Rev. Wm. R. H. Deatrich,	.....5 years,	.....January 1, 1883
Lewis H. Steiner, M. D.,	.....4 "	" 1, 1882
Rev. J. O. Miller,	.....3 "	" 1, 1881
" E. R. Eschbach,	.....2 "	" 1, 1880
Elder Louis Markell,	.....1 year,	" 1, 1879

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported a Complaint to Synod by Rev. A. Spangler of the action of Zion's Classis, in regard to the restoration of F. E. Vandersloot to the Holy Ministry. The matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. R. Kremer, I. G. Brown, A. G. Dole, and Elders J. T. Motter and J. B. Resser, to examine whether the Complaint be in order, and, if found in order to report the manner in which it is to be taken up and tried.

The Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on the Complaint of Rev. A. Spangler against the action of Zion's Classis in restoring to the ministry, F. E. Vandersloot, beg leave to report, that in-as-much as the Complaint was not filed, there is nothing in the case on which this Synod can base any action.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. KREMER,
I. G. BROWN,
A. G. DOLE,
J. TAYLOR MOTTER,
J. B. RESSER,

Committee.

COMPLAINT OF ELDER ALFRED H. ADDAMS.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes also reported a Complaint of Elder Alfred H. Addams against the action of Zion's Classis, in re-

gard to the deposition from the Holy Ministry of O. L. Ashenfelter, and his expulsion from the communion of the Church.

This subject was referred to a special committee, composed of Revs. S. N. Callender, M. H. Sangree, J. G. Noss, and Elders H. W. Roller, and D. Dunn, to inquire whether the Complaint be regular, and, if found so, to report a process of trial.

The Committee made the following report, during Monday Morning's Session, which was received and adopted, viz. :

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of Complaint against Zion's Classis, in the case of the deposition of O. L. Ashenfelter, by A. H. Addams, beg leave to report, that they have examined the record in the case, and find that the Complaint is regular.

Your Committee recommend the following order in the hearing, to wit :

1. The reading of the record from the Minutes of Zion's Classis, and so much of the paper filed by the Complainant as contains his reasons of Complaint.

2. That the Complainant open and close the argument, and be allowed forty minutes in all, to be divided as he may elect.

3. That the respondent be allowed thirty minutes.

4. That after the conclusion of the arguments, each member of Synod may speak once not exceeding five minutes, after which the vote shall be taken on each reason of Complaint, sustained or not sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

The trial of the case was made the order of the day for Tuesday Morning's Session.

The case was taken up at the time designated.

The Minutes of Zion's Classis, bearing on the subject, were first read. After which the Complaint itself was read.

The Complainant then briefly opened the case. Rev. A. J. Heller, counsel for the Classis, followed in defense of the action of the Classis. The Complainant next addressed Synod for the allotted time. Subsequently several members of Synod availed themselves of the privilege to speak on the subject. After which the Synod voted separately on each reason or specification of Complaint, nine in number, and in every instance the Complaint was *not sustained*.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-School Board presented its fourth Annual Report, during Thursday's Session, which was received, amended, and adopted and is as follows :

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

The Sunday-School Board of this Synod would offer its fourth annual

report, as follows: The work of the Board, during the past year, has been but little, and of a routine character, on account of the continued ill health of the President, Rev. W. K. Zieber.

The Board regrets that nothing has yet been done in the preparation of a Manual on the Church Year; but asks Synod to reiterate the instructions given two years ago.

The Board would suggest, that the SCRIPTURE LESSONS of the Reformed Church Publication Board, should be improved in the following particular. The Committee that prepares them should seek to unfold the Scripture lesson more fully by increasing, if necessary, the number of questions. It also recommends that a second series of lessons, adapted especially to young children and infant classes, connected with whatever in the form of illustration in the way of pictures, &c., be prepared by the Editor of the *Child's Treasury*, and published in the same.

The Board further suggests, that this Synod call the attention of the Reformed Church Publication Board to these recommendations.

The Board would also recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to hold Sunday-school Conventions within their bounds, so far as practicable.

The following topics and speakers have been chosen for the stated Sunday-school service on Friday Evening:

1. The Necessary Qualifications of the Sunday-school Superintendent and Teacher.—Revs. I. S. Weisz and A. J. Heller.

2. The Missionary Aspect of the Sunday-school Work.—Revs. J. W. Santee and J. H. Sykes.

3. The Relation of the Sunday-school to the Catechetical Class.—Revs. A. C. Whitmer and T. F. Hoffmeier

The Board would recommend that this service be conducted by Elder G. S. Griffith; that each appointed speaker be allowed ten minutes; and that a collection be taken up, the proceeds to be devoted to the Sunday-school cause as the Board may deem best.

The Treasurer reports, that \$13.50 remain in his hands for the use of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SANTEE,
A. C. WHITMER,
G. S. GRIFFITH.

At the election held for members of the different Boards, Rev. J. W. Santee was re-elected a member of the Board.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Rev. J. W. Santee,	5 years,	October, 1882
“ A. R. Kremer,	4 “	“ 1881
“ W. H. Zieber,	3 “	“ 1880
Elder G. S. Griffith,	2 “	“ 1879
Rev. A. C. Whitmer,	1 year,	“ 1878

The Sunday-school meeting was held on Friday Evening as appointed, and the services took place agreeably to the programme of the Board.

Item 8 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, laid on the table until the Sunday-School Board make their report, was then taken from the table, and the action of the Synod of Winchester in the case was re-iterated.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

According to item 11 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, the Stated Clerk of Synod was instructed to communicate the action of Synod last year, commanding and enjoining the North Carolina Classis to desist from the use of any Hymn Book not already allowed, until the General Synod grants such permission. The Stated Clerk submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

The undersigned begs leave to report, that, shortly after the adjournment of the last annual meeting of Synod, he discharged the duty enjoined, by writing to the Rev. J. A. Foil, President of North Carolina Classis, and furnished him with a full extract of the proceedings in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Item 10 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, laid on the table until this stage of the Synod's proceedings, was then taken up, and the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

WHEREAS, The Minutes of the North Carolina Classis are not at hand,

Resolved, That action on this item of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod be postponed until the next annual meeting, and that the North Carolina Classis be commanded to give the Synod official information in regard to their action in the case.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write to the Stated Clerk of the North Carolina Classis, and inform him that Synod requires him to send forthwith a copy of the Minutes of said Classis for the past year to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was received from the Stated Clerk in regard to the publication of the Minutes of the Fourth Annual Meeting of Synod, and was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had twelve hundred and fifty copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Synod published, agreeably to the instructions of Synod, and distributed them according to the directions of your Reverend Body. He greatly regrets that a number of typographical errors occur in the Minutes. They were corrected in the proof sheets, but the printer, nevertheless, allowed them to remain uncorrected. They do not, however mar or destroy the proper sense of the Minutes as published. They are annoying, and, to say the least, are an eye-sore to one desiring exactness.

The Minutes were printed by Messrs. Grant, Faires, and Rodgers, Printers for the Reformed Church Publication Board, as ordered by Synod, and at a cost of \$165.00, which has been paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes of the present sessions, duly authenticated, published, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Item 1 of the Committee on Overtures, consisting of the Report of the Reformed Church Publication Board, for the year ending October 1st, 1877, accompanied by an itemized and summarized Statement of its financial condition, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. H. Kremer, J. W. Santee, E. R. Eschbach, and Elders J. P. Reed, and A. R. Schnebly.

This Committee submitted its report during Saturday's Sessions, which was received, discussed at length, adopted, and is as follows, viz. :

I. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES,

For the year ending October 1st, 1877.

To the Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States, Pittsburgh, and the Potomac :

The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully submits the following Annual Report :

The Board has held four meetings during the year, and given close attention to the work entrusted to it. Though the continued financial pressure in all business circles in the country, has borne heavily upon the Board, in common with others, and interposed many obstacles in the way of securing the desired results, yet, on the whole, the year has not passed without affording some encouraging results, and giving more or less promise of still greater improvement in the future.

Proposals were received at the first meeting held in December, 1876, from different parties, for doing the printing of the Board during the year 1877, and the contract given to the lowest and best bidder; and provision has been made for soliciting similar proposals for the year 1878.

The new Charter, a copy of which was submitted to the Synods at their last annual meetings, has passed through the Court, to which such matters

are submitted, and obtained full legal sanction. The Board has formally adopted it, and has since been acting under its provisions. The third Section of the Charter commits to the several Synods represented in the Board, the duty of determining the number of Trustees who shall constitute the Board, and the time, manner, and order of their succession, provided that no more than one-third of the Trustees shall be removed in any one year, and that at least two-thirds shall at all times be citizens of the State of Pennsylvania. With a view to facilitate the work involved in this duty, the Board has deemed it proper, after a careful consideration of the subject, to suggest to the several Synods, the mutual adoption of the following arrangement, and the carrying of it into immediate effect:

"The Board shall be constituted of seven members, distributed amongst the three Synods as at present, and the term of service for which each shall be elected, be four years. They shall be chosen in the following order: At the present meetings of the Synods, one member shall be elected by each of the Synods of the United States and Pittsburgh; at the meetings of the following year, one member shall be elected by each of the Synods of the United States and of the Potomac; at the meetings of the year next ensuing, one member shall be elected by each of the Synods of Pittsburgh and the Potomac; and at the meetings of the still ensuing year, one member shall be elected by the Synod of the United States; and the same order shall be observed in all succeeding years, the vacancies occurring being stated in the annual report of the Board to the Synods. The members of the present Board shall retain their places until they are succeeded in the order here laid down."

As rumors had, in some way, obtained currency, seriously questioning the solvency of the financial condition of the Board, and exerting an influence damaging to its interests, the Board, with a view to ascertain what are the real facts in the case, appointed a committee, consisting of one member from each of the Synods represented in the Board, at its meeting in July last, to whom was assigned the duty of meeting at the Publication Rooms on Tuesday morning previous to the regular closing quarterly meeting of the Board, held on Thursday evening, October the 4th, and examining into the condition of the Establishment; and then to report the result of their investigations to the Board. This committee attended to the duty assigned it, and made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

"The undersigned committee appointed by the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, for the purpose of examining into the condition of said Board, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee met at the Rooms of the Publication Board on Tuesday, October 2nd, 1877, and after a full and careful investigation of the Liabilities and a fair and just valuation of the Assets of the Board, find the following result:

ASSETS :	
Real Estate,.....	\$35,000.00
Other assets as per subjoined statement.....	46,491.00
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	\$81,491.00
LIABILITIES :	
Mortgage on real estate.....	\$20,000.00
Other liabilities as per subjoined statement.....	29,606.83
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	49,606.83
Assets over liabilities.....	<hr/>
	\$31,884.17

In examining the printed matter on hand, your committee find a large amount, which has been ordered by Synod, at different times, but which still remains on hand and is unsaleable, and from this source, a considerable amount of loss has been sustained by the Board.

It is a source of pleasure for your committee to report, that, in examining the stock of books, stationery, &c., on hand, we find it in great part fresh, saleable, and in good order, reflecting much credit upon Mr. Charles H. Taylor, the present efficient Business Agent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. HENSEL,
B. WOLFF, Jr.,
A. B. WINGERD,
Committee.

The subjoined statement referred to by the committee is found in the general statement of the operations of the Board during the past year and of the present condition of the establishment, submitted to the Board by the Superintendent, which accompanies this document, together with a full itemized statement of the particulars, which make up the several items contained in the general statement. This general statement, besides giving the assets and liabilities of the Board, furnishes the following summary of the receipts and disbursements for the year :

Receipts	\$34,479.16
Disbursements	36,377.36
Excess of disbursements.....	\$ 1,898.20
Treasurer's advances October 1, 1876.....	\$12,357.40
Add excess of disbursement.....	1.898.20
Total advances October 1, 1877.....	\$14,255.60

By an examination of the accompanying papers, it will be seen, that there has been during the year, an increase in the number of subscribers over discontinuances, to "The Messenger," three hundred and sixty-eight ; "Guardian," one hundred and twenty ; "Review," eight, and "Lesson Papers," one thousand and seventy-five ; and a decrease in the number of subscribers to the "Child's Treasury" of one hundred and seventy-nine. In the receipts on account of the "Child's Treasury," "Lesson Papers," and "Review," there has been an encouraging advance, over the previous year ; but in those on account of the "Messenger," the decrease has been large, and merely nominal in the case of the "Guardian." It is a singular fact, that, whilst the latter show a considerable increase in the number of subscribers, there should be a falling off in the receipts on their account, especially to such a large extent as in the case of the "Messenger." Had the receipts for the year on their account borne an increase over the receipts of the previous year, corresponding with the increase in the number of subscribers, the Board would have been able to report an excess in the receipts over the disbursements for the year, instead of an opposite result. All this has occurred, whilst most constant, pressing and persevering efforts have been made, on the part of the officials of the Board, to secure a prompt and full return of receipts on account of the papers in question. The result may be attributable to the embarrassed condition of the monetary affairs of the country, from the effects of which, it is hoped, there will soon be afforded some tangible relief.

The several periodicals issued by the Board furnish an income sufficient to cover the expenses incurred in their publication, except the "Review"

and the "Messenger." The former still falls short some \$200. or \$300., as has been the case during previous years. As the continuance of its publication is deemed necessary for the interests of the Church, its friends should rally around it, and give it at least a living support. In regard to the latter, "The Messenger," it has been gaining steadily in the number of subscribers ever since its location in Philadelphia, commencing with two thousand, nine hundred and seventy-one, and now reaching nearly five thousand. Its income during a greater portion of this time covered its expenses, the main deficit being during the past two years, owing to the decrease in the subscription price, and the increased expenses incurred by the additional force employed on the paper and the superior style, in which it is issued. As the Superintendent stated at the time the new departure was taken, it will require a subscription list of at least ten thousand paying subscribers to cover the expenses incurred in its publication, and when the improvement was ventured upon, it was hoped, that this number of subscribers would be furnished in due season; they can also be furnished, if the ministry and laity in the Church, will generally set themselves actively to work.

It is gratifying to the Board to be able to say, that the "The Messenger," as at present issued, gives general satisfaction to the Church, not a word of serious complaint having been heard from any quarter. It is felt, that the interests, as well as the honor of the Church, require, that it should continue to be issued in its present superior style; and no disposition, therefore, should be evinced, to go back from this advanced position. There should rather, if possible, be a forward movement; and the Church should rally manfully to the aid of the Board, sustaining it fully in this important enterprise, seeing that, in that case, a few more years of successful labor will be sufficient to place the paper on the basis so much desired.

There has been an increase in the receipts in the Book Store during the past year. It is not very large; but it is still encouraging, showing that a favorable turn has taken place in its affairs, the income having decreased from nearly \$22,000., as it was a short time before the commencement of the financial panic, to a little over \$13,000., as it was last year. The improved condition of this department, the facilities afforded for purchasing at reasonable rates being as favorable as in the best establishments elsewhere, gives much promise for the future, so that it is in the power of the friends of the Church to make this an efficient and powerful agency for good.

The number of copies of the different works issued by the Board, printed during the year, has not been as large as in former years. This is always governed by the demand for the works; and hence the number may confidently be expected to increase in the future, as the demand itself for the works shall increase. The Board has issued only one new work during the year, and that is an improved edition of Dr. Van Horne's "Companion of Praise." It is a work, which has special merits in reference to the sphere it is intended to fill, and is accordingly meeting with a most welcome reception, as its true character becomes known, and its merits are appreciated. It is a remarkable, but by no means strange fact, that since its issue, the demand for Dr. Harbaugh's "Hymns and Chants" has been largely increased, with the circulation of which, some of its friends, at first, entertained some fears, the issue and circulation of the "Companion of Praise" would interfere.

With this statement of the present condition, and the operations of the Board during the past year, its interests are submitted to the earnest consideration of the respective Synods, under whose auspices it is carried forward, in the confident hope, that, whatever action may be taken, it will

be such as will serve greatly to facilitate and advance its operations in the future.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board.

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

SAM'L R. FISHER, *Secretary.*

October 8, 1877.

II. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION BOARD

The Special Committee to whom were referred the documents of the Publication Board, respectfully report, that those documents give a full and clear statement of the actual condition of our publication interests, and that after careful deliberation upon all the facts in the case, your Committee take pleasure in recommending to the favorable attention of this body, the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod is gratified to learn from the report of the Committee appointed to examine into the financial condition of the Publication Board, as found incorporated in the annual report of the Board, showing a balance of good assets over the liabilities of the Board of \$31,-884.17, after deducting \$21,339.16 from the full value of the entire assets, for worthless accounts, and depreciated values.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby expresses its satisfaction with the manner in which *The Messenger* is conducted, and its desire that it should continue to be kept up to its present excellent standard ; and with a view of making its subscription list equal, at least, to its cost of publication, in its present superior form, the several pastors of this Synod are hereby earnestly requested to give it the widest possible circulation among their people, calling to it their special attention, by a systematic effort, in conjunction with their several consistories, before the close of the present year.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod also respectfully reiterates its request to the Board, to observe all due economy in the management of its financial affairs, not inconsistent with the true interests of the establishment.

Your Committee also report, that the financial statement of the Board is so full and explicit as to cover the request contained in the Resolution of this Synod, passed one year ago, and referred to this Committee from page 41 in its printed Minutes.

The new Charter for the Board of Publication, as reported to last Synod, has obtained full legal sanction, and the Board is acting under it. To meet the provisions of its *third* section, relating to the number of members to constitute the Board, and the order of their succession, the Board suggests a plan, found in its Annual Report, which the Committee recommend to Synod for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. KREMER,
J. W. SANTEE,
E. R. ESCHBACH,
JNO. P. REED,
A. R. SCHNEELY,
Committee.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, in reply to item 13 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, reported that all the Minutes of Classes in their possession gave evidence of the Classes having made renewed efforts to increase the circulation of *The Messenger*.

HYMNS FOR THE REFORMED CHURCH WITH MUSIC.

The Committee appointed at the Synod of Hanover to prepare and publish an edition of "Hymns for the Reformed Church," accompanied with music, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee, appointed to prepare an edition of the Hymn Book accompanied with music respectfully report, that the work assigned them is not yet completed. The whole ground has been gone over by the Committee appointed by the Synod of the United States, and much of it also by your Committee ; but as yet there has been no joint session of the two Committees to examine the work critically, and to determine finally in reference to it. The delay of such joint session has been unavoidable. We can therefore only report progress, and ask to be continued another year, in which we hope to be able to finish the work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. HIGBEE, *Chairman.*

 ARTICLE XXI.

 MISCELLANEOUS.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND WIDOWS OF MINISTERS.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod recommend collections to be taken up in the several congregations within our bounds on or about the third Sunday in June next for the benefit of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Widows of Ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States.

During the Sessions of Monday Morning, the Committee on Nominations presented their report, which was received, amended, and adopted. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have two hundred tickets of these nominations printed for the use of Synod, and the election was made the order of the day for Tuesday Morning Session.

At the appointed time, the election was held. Revs. H. Wissler, T. F. Hoffmeier, W. I. Stewart, and Elder J. B. Resser were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. This result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Trustees of Synod, Missions Sunday-Schools, and Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

An assessment of twenty-five cents was laid upon the members of Synod, to remunerate the sexton, and to meet incidental expenses. The Revs. J. M. Scheck, B. R. Carnahan, and D. W. Ebbert were appointed a Committee to collect said assessment. At a subsent session, the Committee reported, as follows, which was received and adopted :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee, appointed to collect the assessment of twenty-five cents from each member of Synod, begs leave to report, that it has attended to its duty, having called upon all the members of Synod present, and have collected Twenty-seven Dollars and Fifty Cents, which amount has been handed over to the pastor of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCHICK,
B. R. CARNAHAN,
DAVID W. EBBERT,
Committee.

On motion, it was ordered, that the *Lemmata* be so amended as to have two additional *Standing Committees*,—one, on Education, and one, on Publication.

On motion, it was also,

Resolved, That Synod annually appoint a Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, whose duty it shall be to present to Synod a brief history of the life and labors of any minister of Synod, who may depart this life during the Synodical year: said Committee to report at the following annual meeting. Revs. Wm. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee, A. J. Heller, and Elders G. S. Griffith, and I. H. Keefer were appointed such Standing Committee for the present Synodical year.

Revs. E. R. Eschbach, A. C. Geary, and M. H. Sangree were appointed a committee, through which all applications for leave of absence were to be made. The committee reported from day to day.

The following members of Synod obtained leave of absence and left before the sessions closed, to wit:—Revs. G. W. Glessner, P. A. Long, J. M. Mickley, R. Rauhauser, J. Hassler, M. L. Shuford, J. S. Loose, H. St. J. Rinker, A. Shulenberger, W. D. Lefevre, J. G. Noss, F. S. Lindaman, J. Ault, J. O. Miller, R. R. Smith, A. H. Kremer, E. E. Higbee, D. W. Ebbert, E. G. Williams, W. H. Herbert, and Elders J. Seibert, J. Hefflefinger, C. P. Matthaai, J. Hager, S. R. Weaver, W. W. Wenner, J. Albaugh, A. R. Schnebly, I. H. Keefer, G. W. Betz, G. W. Hench, R. L. Gray, C. A. Shultz, E. Staley, J. Miller, and L. Markell.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were moved and adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the most cordial thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the Pastor, Consistory, and members of the First Reformed Church and other members of the Reformed Churches of the city of Baltimore, for their kind entertainment and liberal hospitality extended to us, during our present sessions.

Resolved, That the Pastors of the First and Third Reformed Churches of this city be requested to read the foregoing resolution from their respective pulpits.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to convey the thanks of this body to the Ticket Departments of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Northern Central Railway, and the Western Maryland Railroad, for kindness in making provision to pass the members of Synod over their respective roads at reduced rates of fare.

The Synodical Roll was then called finally, and the following members were found absent without permission, viz. : Revs. J. B. Shontz, I. M. Motter, and Elders E. Krone, H. Hartzel, M. McSherry, A. H. Addams, J. H. Hinea, P. B. Mikesell, and J. P. Diehl.

The Minutes were then read and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of Synod be *in Convention*.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet again in annual sessions in the First Reformed Church of Hagerstown, Md., on Wednesday, the 16th day of October, A. D. 1878, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, singing the Gloria in excelsis, prayer, the doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

J. A. PETERS, *President*.

Official Copy from the original Minutes.

Attest,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES.	Members.	Bapt'm		Confirmation.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.		Scholars.		Benev. Contrib'ns		Students.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Co., Pa.
				Unconfirmed Members.	Infants.	Adults.									General.	Local.			
Jacob Sechler,	4	Manheim,	455	180	26	38	38	430		12	8	200	\$	206.47			1	Hanover, York	Co., Pa.
Frederick W. Vandersloot,	2	Without charge,	245		16	2	8	200		10	2			200.00				York, York	"
Daniel Riegel,	2	Dillsburg,																Dillsburg, York	"
Jacob Ziegler,	1	Trinity Church,	401	286	19	8	35	370		14	3	375		175.00	\$	2205.00	1	York, York	"
Daniel Gring, D. D.,	4	Shrewsbury,	450	220	41	34	34	400		8	7	225		85.60		400.00		York, York	"
Wm. K. Zieher, D. D.,	1	Hanover,	337	275	19	22	12	275		8	6	1	250	398.00		1303.45		Shrewsbury, York	"
John Anfl,	4	Christ Church,	970	530	57	58	17	900		6	18	3	350	180.00		335.00		Hanover, York	"
Wm. E. H. Dearrich,	2	Mechanicsburg,	291	157	15	8	5	285		2	23	2	196	105.00		1395.00		Littlestown, Adams	"
Jacob D. Zehring,	5	Emanuel's,	990	402	81	10	66	852		2	23	10	325	211.86		965.00		Mechanicsburg	Cumberland
Klinehart R. Smith,	5	Trinity,	283	117	47	18	2	177	2	1	12	6	174	13.00				Codorus, York	"
Aaron Waumer,	3	York Springs,	203	170	8	1	1	170		2	3	130		50.00		300.00		York, York	"
Francis S. Lindaman,	4	Zion's Church, York,	460	169	18	33	17	288		2	14	1	100	57.74				York, York	"
Reuben Rauhauser,	4	Without charge,	350	300	25	16	17	300			13	5	250	125.50		300.00		Blain, Perry	"
Israel S. Weisz, D. D.,	4	Paradise,	800	520	76	35	35	703	11	24	10	363		340.00		1500.00		Dallastown, York	"
Moses Kieffer, D. D.,	2	Gettysburg,	325	200	15	3	10	310		5	1	125		62.00		600.00		York, York	"
Wm. H. Herbert,	3	Landisburg,	300	157	5	7	235	2	5	4	135		196.99		375.00		1	Landisburg, Adams	"
Andrew J. Heller,	3	Conawago,	475	300	14	14	1	400		10	3	200		186.61		5000.00		Perry	"
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,	1	Carlisle,	233	117	7	1	2	158	4	7	1	146		13.00		1500.00		Arendtsville, Adams	"
Geo. W. Glessner, D. D.,	1	Newburg,	85	120	7	2		85		5	1	85		81.35				Carlisle, Cumberland	"
Wm. F. Colliflower,	5	Abbotstown,	675	625	38	3	21	600	5	10	7	305					3	Shippensburg, "	"
James I. Good,	1	Heidelberg Ch., York,	157	125	15	3	7	20	127	3	4	1	185		200.00			New Oxford, Adams	"
John Kretzing,	3	New Bloomfield,	286	180	10	8	2	218	15	7	3	282		75.80		825.00		York, York	"
U. Henry Heilman,	3	Duncannon,	120	98	18	5	7	90		2	3	165		13.93		524.42		Newport, Perry	"
Sol. B. Shafer,	4	Sulphur Spring,	183	107	4		17	149		4	3	60		37.00				Duncannon, Perry	"
F. E. Vandersloot,		Without charge,																Carlisle, Cumberland	"
J. Marion Mickle,		Kreutz Creek,	150	150	10	4		118		5	4	300		39.00				Herndon, Fairfax	Co., Va.
E. Garver Williams,	1	St. Zion Cong.,	75	72	2			50			1	60		16.00				Newburg, Cumberland	Co., Pa.
Sup. by Rev. A. Wanner,	1	St. Andrew's Cong.,	100		12	7		80		1	3	100						York, York	"
" " Pastors of Perry co.,		Mt. Pleasant Charge.																	
" " Rev. E. Rauhauser,																			
Total, 29,	76		10199	5607	605	32	454	157,7960	2	81	240	96	5736	\$3095.88	\$16977.87		5		

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Bapt'm		Confirmations.	Addit'ns	Com'm'd during the year.	Ex-Comm'icated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.		Sunday Schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benev Contrib'ns		POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.
				Infants.	Adults.						Certificate.	General Objects.				Local Objects.		
Joseph W. Santee, D. D.,	4 Cavetown,	370	150	13		4	320		5	5	4	200				\$	96.67	Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.
George L. Staley, D. D.,	1 St. Stephen's, Supply,	25	25	3		2	25		3								17.80	Knoxville, Frederick "
Edmund R. Eschbach,	1 Evangelical Reformed,	525	100	38	6	38	1	380	14	3	1	500					915.56	Frederick, Frederick "
William Goodrich,	2 Clearspring,	150	200	20	12	17	3	150	4	4	2	140					97.00	Clearspring, Washington "
Simon S. Miller,	2 Boonsboro,	160	116	8		2	2	140		4	2	140					169.22	Boonsboro, Washington "
J. Spangler Kieffer,	2 Hagerstown,	280	210	11	1	14	2	260		4	17	225			1	325.81	1000.00	Hagerstown, Washington "
Abner R. Kremer,	2 Emmitsburg,	365	217	13		14	2	290		5	8	60			1	80.50		Emmitsburg, Frederick "
Daniel Gaus, D. D.,	1 Third Church, Balt.,	300	230	14		16	10		3	3	4	2	300			75.00	300.00	at N. Paca St., Baltimore, Md.
Mortimer L. Shuford,	4 Burkittsville,	130	50	2		3	120		2	2	4	2	30			50.00	650.00	Burkittsville, Baltimore, Md.
P. Allison Long,	4 Taneytown,	345	374	49		15	7	300	4	4	23	3	200			81.50	1190.00	Taneytown, Carroll "
Orange E. Lake,	4 Glade,	330	280	31		14	2	325	4	4	21	4	250			90.00	1000.00	Walkersville, Frederick "
Joel T. Kossiter,	1 First Church, Balt.,	304	123	15	4	30	17	260	5	1	2	325				204.00	2000.00	208 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	4 Jefferson,	320	230	15		2	12	2	3	5	1	2	120			150.00	900.00	Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md.
Henry Wissler,	5 Mechanics-town,	296	227	29	2	17	3	243	6	6	4	80				71.22	700.00	Mechanics-town, Frederick "
T. Franklin Hoffmeier,	1 Middletown,	370	200	13		22	301		4	4	20	1	170			270.80	1100.00	Middletown, Frederick "
Charles H. Coon,	3 Christ Church,	85	70	5	6	20	5	70		2	2	1	75			2.00		Hagerstown, Washington "
Ambrose C. Geary,	3 Mt. Moriah,	160	100	1	3	25	9	148	5	4	3	200				850.00		Keedysville, Washington "
John G. Noss,	3 Westminster,	700	439	31		28	2	581	3	23	2	346	1			124.50	1500.00	Westminster, Carroll "
Anthony Shulenberger,	3 Mt. Pleasant,	83	70	7		28	70			2	2	1	60			20.00	300.00	Libertytown, Frederick "
William Rupp,	3 Manchester,						400				3	260						Manchester, Carroll "
Nicholas E. Gilds,	Without Charge,																	Mechanics-town, Frederick "
Jonas E. Shontz,	Prison Chaplain,																	Baltimore, Md.
George M. Zacharias,	Licentiate,																	Harrisburg, Pa.
Total, 23.	48	5718	3941	328	36	394	67	4936	6	72	208	43	3711	3	\$3091.53	\$22493.37		

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'm		Confirmation.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Discontinued.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Ministry.	Benev. Contrib'ns		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.									General.	Local.	
William M. Deatrick,	3	Fin. Agt. Mer. College.	393	278	12	8	19	7	375	3	10	3	201	1	\$1306.03	\$ 1051.10	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Isaac G. Brown,	3	Mercersburg,	312	249	26	2	7	18	200	16	7	1	150	1	251.25	1300.00	" "
Adam C. Whitmer,	1	Altoona,	74	10			1	5	74	5	5			3	75.00	100.00	Altoona Blair
Elnathan E. Higbee, D. D.,	1	College Church,	194	160	10	3	9	10	330	2	1	1	94	4	245.00	1196.25	Mercersburg, Franklin
John H. Sykes,	2	Greencastle,	355	150	14	15	16	16	360	19	10	2	214	3	180.00	1000.00	Greencastle,
Albert G. Dole,	3	Huntingdon,	365	100	14	15	16	16	306	2	11	3	250	3	883.58	1200.00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon
Ellis A. Peters,	3	Waterstreet,	328	220	17	1	16	6	306	2	4	3	18	1	254.35	1000.00	Alexandria,
John N. Kremer,	3	Bedford,	250	150	10	10	5	7	240		4	4	125	1	157.50	1000.00	Bedford, Bedford
Milton H. Sangree,	3	Everett,	200	174	9	9	7	3	180	10	9	3	120	1	52.00	3000.00	Everett,
Henry I. Com ort,	3	Grindston chill,	295	225	20	4	6	2	255	5	20	4	250	1	60.00	800.00	Chambersburg, Franklin
Henry F. Seiple,	4	Woodbury,	318	270	39	4	29	3	314	1	9	2	135	1	260.00	1400.00	Pattonsburg, Bedford
David N. Dittmar,	4	St. Clairsville,	273	200	20	1	1	1	234	4	13	2	200		344.80	700.00	St. Clairsville
David N. Whitmore,	2	Friend's Cove,	86	63	7	1	4	22	78	1	1				55.00	200.00	Charlesville
John M. Schick,	3	Orbisonia,	246	350	17	4	20	10	276	7	7	1	190	1	303.25	3504.25	Orbisonia, Huntingdon
William I. Stewart,	1	St. Thomas,	72	59	3	7	2	2	62	5	1	1	67		24.15	320.00	St. Thomas, Franklin
Carl Gudiach,	2	St. John's Church,	144	45	6	8	1	2	106	2	2	2	260	1	267.61	3065.30	Chambersburg, "
Isaac M. Motier,	1	Mont Alto,	156	60			18	10	135	2	1	1	125		74.00	650.00	Waynesboro, "
David W. Ebert,	1	Shippensburg,	274	295	8	8	9	2	225	6	6	1	370		558.57	1500.00	Shippensburg, Cumberland
William C. Gremer,	3	Chambersburg,	142	104	8		8	9	112	2	2	1	65		16.67	100.00	Chambersburg, Franklin
William Aug. Gring,	3	Sulphur Spring,	360	375	30		4	2	330	2	18	2	150		11.00	200.00	Buffalo Mills, Bedford
Vacant.	4	Greenfield,	170	105	6		15	1	256	9	6	3	157		11.10	300.00	Sarah, Blair
"	4	McConnellsburg,	283	284	26		15	1	256	9	2	8	120		195.55	422.00	McConnellsburg, Fulton
"	3	Woodcock Valley,	251	191	19		9	1	240	3	8	2	100		1.00	600.00	James Creek, Huntingdon
"	3	Schellsburg,	200	150	10		10	1	170	3	10	2	150		225.00	400.00	Schellsburg, Bedford
"	2	Clover Creek,	190	140	5		4	1	160	3	5	3	200		113.10	657.50	Martinsburg, Blair
"	1	Martinsburg,	72	55	2	2	4	1	60	1	2	1	50		367.71	100.00	"
"	1	Middleburg,	336	246	14	2	6	6	270	2	1	2	275	2	140.00	2995.00	State Line, Franklin
"	3	Waynesboro,	637	467	338	39	211	144	5673	119	173	54	4191	18	\$6,463.15	\$27,952.40	Waynesboro, "
Total, 25.	69		6373	4678	338	39	211	144	5673	119	173	54	4191	18	\$6,463.15	\$27,952.40	

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG, CONTINUED.

MINISTERS.	REMARKS.	ADDRESS.
George R. Zacharias.....	Disabled.....	Upper Strasburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Jacob B. Kerschner.....	Professor in Mercersburg College.....	Mercersburg, " "
Harrison H. W. Hibshman.....	Called to Mt. Bethel Charge, Classis of East Pennsylvania.....	Stone Church, Northampton " "
Elias D. Shoemaker.....	Without Charge.....	Bedford, Bedford " "
Jeriah S. Shade.....	Called to the Astoria Charge, Shelby Classis, Illinois.....	Astoria, Illinois,
William D. Lefevre.....	Without Charge.....	Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa.
Henry Miller.....	Superannuated.....	Waynesboro, Franklin " "
Jacob Hassler.....	Principal of Female Seminary, and Supply for Loudon and Fannettsburg Churches.....	Mercersburg, " "
Samuel R. Bridenbaugh.....	Called to the Berlin Charge, Somerset Classis, Pa.....	Berlin, Somerset " "
Frederick A. Ruple.....	Without Charge.....	Martinsburg, Blair " "
John B. Kieffer.....	Licentiate, Professor in Mercersburg College.....	Mercersburg, Franklin " "
George N. Abbott.....	" ".....	South Newbury, Vermont.
George F. Mull.....	" " Professor in Mercersburg College.....	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Henry S. Garner.....	Licentiate.....	Williamsburg, Blair " "
John M. North.....	Licentiate.....	Mercersburg, Franklin " "

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Infant Baptism.	Adult Baptism.	Confirmed.	Received by Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Benefvolent Contributions.	Students for the Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jno. C. Hensell,	3 Rockingham,	187	67	5	6 11	3	144	4	1	3	100	200.00	Mt Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va.			
G. H. Martin, D. D.,	4 Woodstock,	350	27	8	6 26	3	325	70	2	2	1	90	125.00	Woodstock, Shenandoah		
Hy. St. J. Rinker,	1 Lovettsville,	110	78	8	9	5	180	1	2	1	60	30.00	Lovettsville, Loudon			
S. N. Callender, D. D.,	2 Mt. Crawford,	195	78	5	1 2	8	180	1	6	1	50	325.00	Pleasant Valley, Rockingham Co., Va.			
C. G. Fisher,	2 Winchester,	110	78	6	1 1	8	83	1	5	1	75	25.00	Winchester, Clark			
H. Talhelm,	3 Edenburg,	177	16	16	4 15	7	150	3	4	1	115	45.00	Edenburgh, Shenandoah			
J. C. Bowman,	1 Shepherdstown,	125	50	10	5	1	102	3	4	1	115	45.00	Shepherdstown, Jefferson Co., West Va.			
J. A. Hoffheins,	1 Martinsburg,	201	5	5	4 19	10	174	4	6	1	132	93.50	Martinsburg, Berkley Co., West Va.			
A. J. Whitmore,	2 Middlebrook,	126	5	5	10	75	1	1	6	1	65	20.00	Middle Brook, Augusta Co., Va.			
B. R. Carnahan,	4 Mill Creek,	207	1	1	10	183	13	38	10	707	918.50	Mr. Jackson, Shenandoah Co., Va.				
J. S. Loose,	Without charge,	1788	273	107	19 98	34	148	13	38	10	707	918.50	Dayton, Rockingham			
A. J. Bowers,	"	1788	273	107	19 98	34	148	13	38	10	707	918.50	Weyer's Cave, Augusta			
Ministers, 12.		1788	273	107	19 98	34	148	13	38	10	707	918.50	2			

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.														
			Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptism.	Adult Baptism.	Confirmed.	By certificate or renewal of profession.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
G. William Welker,	3 Guilford,	283	160	15	8	16	4				7	2	180	1	\$45.17	\$433	Greensboro, Guilford Co., N. C.
Jeremiah Ingold,	Without charge,																Hickory, Catawba Co., "
Thomas Long,	4 Upper Davidson,	232	115	13	9	16											Salem, Forsyth Co., "
Jesse W. Cecil,	Without charge,																Thomasville, Davidson Co., "
John Ingle,	do do																Shaw's Mills, Guilford Co., "
John C. Denny,	do do	334	189	23			5			1	6	1	60				Heilig's Mills, Rowan Co., "
Jacob C. Clapp,	6 Newton,																Newton, Catawba Co., "
Peter M. Trexler,	Without charge,	195	90	19	14	28	1	194						1			Salisbury, Rowan Co., "
Michael L. Hedrick,	4 Lower Davidson,	192	84	4	2	5	7										Indian Hill, Davidson Co., "
John A. Foil,	4 Grace,																Newton, Catawba Co., "
Julius H. Shuford,	Without charge,	433	131				4	3		3	4	2	130	1	10.00		China-Grove, Rowan Co., "
Robert F. Crooks,	2 Eastern Rowan,	169	50	4	1	9	3			2	3	2	105				Heilig's Mills, Rowan Co., "
Vacant,	2 * Central do	287	140	14	9			216		1	1	1	40				
do	2 * Western do	36	15	2	7	1											
do	1 † St. Luke Congregation,	20	10														
do	1 † Moffitt's Grove Cong.,																

* Supplied by Rev. P. M. Trexler and J. C. Denny.

† " " J. H. Shuford.

† " " P. M. Trexler.

†† " " J. W. Cecil.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.		Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Contributions.	
			Members.	Unconfirmed Members.		Infant.	Adult.										Beneficent Purposes.	Local Purposes.
Zions,	29	76	10,199	5,697	605	32	454	157	7,960	6	18	240	96	5,736	5	18	\$16,977.87	
Mercersburg,	35	69	6,373	4,678	388	39	211	111	5,673	119	173	51	141	4,191	18	6	\$27,952.40	
Maryland,	23	48	5,718	3,941	324	36	301	67	4,935	122	208	43	371	3,691	3	3	\$22,493.97	
Virginia,	12	23	1,788	1,012	107	19	98	34	1,488	73	308	40	707	1,018	2	2	\$12,200.00	
North Carolina,	12	27	1,876	636	91	15	127	8	1,785	3	42	11	550	294	80	5	\$5,000.00	
San Francisco,	5	5	276	289	102	2	6	46	243	2	20	5	280	59	35	3	\$1,000.00	
Total : 6 Classes.	116	247	26,239	16,223	1,621	143	1,200	453	22,985	2	290	721	219	15,175	31	513	\$85,624.24	
Synod of the United States, 8 Classes,	201	443	63,560	36,969	5,788	188	3,797	1,261	51,398	88	656	2,243	463	31,250	61	31	\$185,063.00	
Synod of Ohio, 12 Classes,	161	338	24,041	11,910	1,638	473	1,770	858	19,142	31	377	610	252	18,658	34	6	\$81,696.00	
Synod of the North West, 9 Classes,	125	192	16,998	9,600	1,553	7	1,002	594	12,181	110	307	461	148	8,594	11	6	\$31,358.90	
Synod of Pittsburgh, 5 Classes,	52	112	4,480	1,727	690	41	483	213	8,228	8	179	238	92	5,516	11	5	\$13,250.13	
German Synod of the East, 5 Classes,	35	37	7,861	5,575	1,647	8	608	336	6,532	4	142	285	39	5,601	3	3	\$3,987.00	
Grand Total : 6 Synods, 45 Classes,	690	1,396	148,170	91,695	13,136	860	8,860	3,778	119,566	243	1,949	4,786	1,213	81,883	174	563	\$413,207.14	

Grand Total: 6 Synods, 15 Classes,

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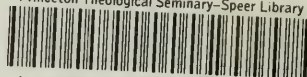




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